

WSTS PROGRAM AND ISSUE REPORT

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH

1ST Quarter 2024

WSTS Community Calendar: A four-minute broadcast that airs eight (8) times a week that features community events, news advisories, and information provided to WSTS by local and regional non-profit organizations, churches, schools, and governmental agencies. The broadcast airs thirty-two times per month.

Other Public Service Announcements:

The Robeson County Zoning Board announces their monthly meetings. This is a monthly announcement shared with listeners.

Interviews and topics discussed:

On Wednesday January 3rd, 2024 at 4:25 PM, we re-aired an interview Mark Hunter had in November 2023, with Eric Freeman, the new Executive Vice President at Robeson Community College in Lumberton. Eric talked about his recent promotion. He discussed class registration that is currently underway. Eric also talked about Timely Care, and discussed a new building being built on their Pembroke COMtech campus.

On Wednesday January 10th, 2024 at 4:25 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed Dr. LaRonda Lowery, the Assistant Vice President of Robeson Community College, in Lumberton, NC. Dr. Lowery discussed the new spring classes underway at the college. She also talked about Timely care, health benefits for students, and an upcoming special tribute at the college to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On Thursday January 18th, at 4:25 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed Claude Pardue, of the Pardue Children in Need Fund. Claude talked about the children that benefit from the Pardue Children in Need Fund charity. He also talked about their upcoming benefit concert at The Alabama Theatre in North Myrtle Beach, SC featuring David Phelps, Ernie Haase & Signature Sound, Comedian Mickey Bell, and Jason Crabb. Claude also discussed their annual golf tournament.

On Wednesday January 19th, at 4:25 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed Zilma Lopes, who is the Director of Financial Aid at Robeson Community College in Lumberton, NC. Zilma discussed various financial aid that is available to students. She also talked about the new FAFSA form, and promoted the college's upcoming FAFSA Day where students could receive help in filling out the new financial aid form.

On Wednesday January 23rd, at 4:20 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed Dr. Johnny Smith who is the Vice President of Instruction & Student Support at Robeson Community College in Lumberton,

NC. Dr. Smith discussed the ongoing registration for spring classes at the college. He also talked about the Career and College Promise program. He promoted the upcoming FAFSA Day where students could receive help filling out financial aid forms. Plus, he talked about the minority male mentoring program at Robeson Community College.

On Friday January 26th, at 5:20 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed Gospel Music legend Bill Gaither. Bill talked about the Gaither Vocal Band's new Valentine themed video and recording where the group members sang songs to their wives. He also discussed the Gaither Vocal Band's latest radio single, Make The Morning Worth The Midnight, which features Bill.

On Wednesday January 31st, at 4:20 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed George Pate, who is the Accounting Program Director, and Apprenticeship Coordinator, at Robeson Community College, in Lumberton, NC. George talked about the apprenticeship program at the college. He also discussed what a registered apprentice can do for a business, and shared success stories from the apprenticeship program at Robeson Community College.

On Friday February 2nd, at 5:20 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed Larry Stewart of the Gospel group The Pine Ridge Boys. Larry told us what's new with the group. He also talked about a couple of their songs which we also listened to during the interview.

On Wednesday February 7th, at 4:20 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed George Pate, who is the Accounting Program Director, and Apprenticeship Coordinator, at Robeson Community College, in Lumberton, NC. George told what accounting is, and talked about what is learned by those who take accounting classes at the college. He mentioned jobs that are available in the accounting field, and shared success stories from students in the accounting program.

On Friday February 9th, at 4:20 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed Chris Serlick of the Gospel group Adoration Quartet. Chris discussed the group's latest recording project Leave The Light On. We also heard music from that CD, and Chris talked about the songs we listened to during the program.

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On Wednesday February 21st, at 4:20 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed Dr. Phoebe Harris, the Director of Education Programs at Robeson Community College, in Lumberton, NC. Dr. Harris talked about the Education Programs at Robeson Community College. She also discussed the current job outlook, the available fields for teachers, and she shared some success stories of former students.

On Wednesday February 28th, at 4:20 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed Dr. Melissa Oxendine, the

Dean of Enrollment Management, and Student Support Services at Robeson Community College in Lumberton, NC. Dr. Oxendine talked about upcoming classes for spring, and summer. She discussed their Slam Dunk Registration event on March 5th. She also talked about online distance learning.

On Wednesday March 6th, at 4:20 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed Dr. Josh Locklear, the Director of NC Works Customized Training, and Workforce Development, at Robeson Community College. Josh told us about new programs, continuing education, and other opportunities at Robeson Community College in Lumberton, NC.

On Thursday March 7th, at 4:20 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed Josh Feemster of the Gospel group Gold City, about their upcoming concert in Fayetteville, NC. He also told us what is new with the group, and we learned that Gold City was about to celebrate their 45th anniversary as a group.

On Friday March 8th, at 4:20 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed Pastor Buddy Seay of the Beaverdam Original Freewill Baptist Church, in Chadbourn, NC. Pastor Buddy talked about the revival services they held this week. He also discussed a free concert his church was having on Saturday March 9th, with Reagan Riddle, formerly of the Primitive Quartet, and Brandon Cairns.

On Friday March 8th, at 5:20 PM, Mark Hunter talked with Keith, Kody, Kris, and Katie of the Gospel group The Erwins. Their brand new recording project was released today. They talked about 3 of the songs on the new project, and we listened to those songs. They also shared information about the group in the interview.

On Wednesday March 13th, at 4:20 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed Timothy Bryant, the Director of Industrial Technologies programs at Robeson Community College, in Lumberton, NC. Timothy talked about his recent promotion at the college. He also talked about the Industrial Programs available at Robeson Community College. He then talked about the shortage in the HVAC field, and about available careers in the HVAC field.

On Wednesday March 20th, at 4:20 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed Michael Levinson from the Electrical Systems program at Robeson Community College in Lumberton, NC. Michael told us what Electrical Systems are. He talked about the pay, and careers available in that line of work. He also discussed continuing education programs available at the college.

On Friday March 22nd, at 5:20 PM, Mark Hunter interviewed Lisa Daggs, a Christian recording artist. Lisa shared about how she was delivered from a life of drugs, and alcohol, how she has been sober since 1989. She talked about her book/audio book, talked about her music, and we listened to two of her songs during the interview.

On Wednesday March 27th, Mark Hunter interviewed James Thomas of the Welding Program at Robeson Community College in Lumberton, NC. James talked about the Welding Program at the college. He also discussed the salary, and jobs that a person with a welding degree could

pursue. James also talked about how welder's work impacts many of us on a day to day basis.

Fairmont Today with Town Mayor Charles Kemp is a 15-minute weekly broadcast that features current events in the city of Fairmont and region. The program also discusses important issues with community leaders and citizens. Fairmont Today is heard every Saturday at 11:45 AM on WSTS.

Mayor Kemp interviews numerous city and community leaders each week on topics and issues important to area residents of Fairmont, North Carolina.

Interviews and topics discussed:

On Saturday January 6th, Mayor Kemp interviewed local singer/song writer Allen Hayes, on the upcoming survivin' Th' Winter concert held on January 12th in the Fairmont Heritage Center.

On Saturday January 13th, Mayor Kemp interviewed Heather Seibles, the Fairmont Town Commissioner. Heather discussed helping to organize the upcoming Martin Luther King Event in Fairmont, NC. She also talked about being emcee for this event.

On Saturday January 20th, Mayor Kemp discussed the upcoming Youth Summit to be held in Fairmont, NC.

On Saturday January 27th, Mayor Kemp interviewed Fairmont Town Manager Jerome Chestnut about the upcoming Tornado Tank business forum to be held in Fairmont, NC.

On Saturday February 3rd, Mayor Kemp interviewed Sterling Lee, and headlining singer Ian Daviz regarding the upcoming Val-N-Tunes dinner concert in Fairmont, NC at the Heritage Center February 9th.

On Saturday February 10th, Mayor Kemp interviewed Kathy Thomas who recently returned from a mission trip serving on the Mercy Ship off of the coast of Africa.

On Saturday February 17th, Mayor Kemp interviewed Kelly Chavis, the Fairmont High School baseball coach about the upcoming baseball season.

On Saturday February 24th Mayor Kemp interviewed Fairmont's new Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Finance Officer Rodney Cain about his job, and duties in Fairmont, NC.

On Saturday March 2nd, Mayor Kemp interviewed Katie Fountain, the ROBCO Library Director, about Fairmont's new library in the former post office building. They also discussed the ribbon cutting for this facility.

On Saturday March 9th, Mayor Kemp interviewed Chrissy Andrews, the Fairmont Volunteer Social Media Influencer, and Youth T.E.A.M. assistant about her involvement in Fairmont.

On Saturday March 16th, Mayor Kemp the town appearance, and recent clean up efforts in Fairmont, NC.

On Saturday March 23rd, Mayor Kemp interviewed Rev. Gary Deese, who honored Vietnam Veterans.

On Saturday March 30th, Mayor Kemp interviewed Town Manager Jerome Chestnut about future growth in Fairmont, NC.

Local church and ministry programs:

Real Life Radio with Frank Policastro, a local 30-minute daily ministry broadcast

Bible Time with Raymond Ellis a local 30-minute daily Country Baptist Church

Full Gospel Tabernacle with George Connor a weekly local preaching program heard Sunday morning.

Morning Devotion with Pastor Buddy Seay, a daily 5 minute devotional local ministry program

Voice of Revival with Dr. Bobby Carden, a daily 15-minute local ministry and Bible-teaching program

Youth for Christ with Clarence Sanderson, a weekly 30-minute local ministry program.

Restoration Time with Pastor Matthew Jones with Restoration Assembly of God a thirty-minute preaching program. The broadcast airs 4:30 pm.

Voice of Revival with Dr. Bobby Carden, a local Sunday night Bible lesson

The Gospel Truth with Pastor Russell Kinlaw, a local preaching program airs weekly on Sunday morning.

New Life Church with Pastor Charles Cribb, a local preaching program airs weekly on Sunday morning.

Fresh Beginnings with Pastor Ricky Gilchrist of Fresh Beginnings Christian Center in Dillon SC, airs daily at 9 AM.

Freedom Assembly of God Church with Rev. Jeremy Brewington a local preaching program based out of Red Springs, NC, airs weekly on Saturdays at 1 PM.