



ISSUES REPORT 1ST QUARTER, 2020



COMMUNITY ISSUE	DESCRIPTION OF "HAPPI ERIE People, Places, and Things" PROGRAM	DATE	Time	AMOUNT OF TIME DEVOTED
Governance	Guest Matt Knoedler – discusses the Erie News Now Washington Bureau, how it operates, what it's like to see governmental operations first hand, and previews the impeachment process and Presidential primary season.	1/5/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Local Economy	Guests Tom Hagen (Board Chairman Erie Insurance) and Jeff Kidder (Kidder Architects) – discuss the multi-million dollar investment to restore and revitalize six historic homes on West 6 th Street, and two historic buildings on State Street. This is the foundation for creating an historic Erie Preservation Trust.	1/12/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Municipal Economy and Planning	Guest Erie Mayor Joe Schember – gives a short form of his annual state of the city assessment and answers questions from host Lisa Adams about the city budget, staffing, blight, policing and other policies.	1/19/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
County Economy and Planning	Guest Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper – gives short form of her annual state of the county assessment and answers questions from host Lisa Adams about the county budget, its push for a community college, and new election procedures for voters	1/26/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Local Employment and Strategies for Growth	Guest James Grunke (President/CEO Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership), Tom Tupitza (Chamber Board President), Chris Marsh (Erie Insurance, Erie Forward Campaign Cabinet) – discuss the Erie Forward initiative and a 5.2 million dollar investment focused on creating 2,000 new jobs in the Erie region and developing a unified marketing strategy	2/2/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Development of Local Businesses	Guest Tina Mengine (new CEO of the Erie Redevelopment Authority) discusses the reformed Erie County Redevelopment Authority, its vision, mission and how it ties in to other redevelopment initiatives in Erie County. Tina was chief of staff during the Mayor Rick Filippi administration	2/9/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes



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Evolution of Manufacturing and local impact	Guests from Penn State Erie, Dr. Faisal Aqlan (Assist. Prof. Industrial Engineering) Dr. Timothy Kurzweg (Director of Engineering School) and Safinaz El Hadary (engineering major and co-chair of conference) discuss Manufacturing 4.0 a regional conference of the Institute of Industrial Systems Engineers or IISE. It's about the 4 TH industrial revolution and transition to "smart factory" manufacturing	2/16/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
City Preservation and Revitalization	Guest Dave Brennan (Architect and City Council member newly appointed by his peers to fill an unexpired term) discusses why he was chosen from a large field of applicants to return to Erie City Council. He shares his priorities for the budget, the water authority lease, revitalizing neighborhoods, his lightway project for underpasses and his vision for historic preservation	2/23/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Education	Guests Angela Beaumont (Director of Operations for the Jefferson Educational Society) and two alums from the Jefferson Leadership Academy, Jay Shaffer (Portfolio Manager Erie Insurance) and Yahmoorah Shakoora-Hooker (Recovery Consultant with Progressive Insurance) discuss the Jefferson Civic Leadership Academy and the work it's doing to prepare, shape and educate young professionals in our region to expand their roles in leadership	3/1/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Education	Guest Terry McKelvey (MFA Professor at Edinboro University) discusses the recent ranking of Edinboro University's Master of Fine Arts program as number one on a list of the 25 best MFA programs in the nation. That ranking based on tuition, median salaries and achievement sourced from the U.S. Department of Education	3/8/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes



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Education	Guests Laurie Knoll (Marketing Communication Specialist with the Northwest Industrial Resource Center), Jennifer Pontzer (Executive Director Career Street), Eileen Mullen (Crawford County K-12 Career Education Alliance) discuss the "What's So Cool About Manufacturing" program and competition for middle school students in the region and across the state. The program aims to introduce manufacturing careers to students as they visit and partner with industries, and produce videos about them for a competition with their peers.	3/15/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Health: Online Education...response to COVID 19	Guest Dr. Keith Taylor (President Gannon University) is the first Insider with a COVID-19 emphasis. He discusses the university response to the crisis, the move to online instruction and plans to support students and staff through the return to normal operations. He also discusses admissions, the chapel renovation, new I-Hack initiative and growing Ruskin campus in Florida	3/22/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Health: Social Service...response to COVID 19	Guest Maureen Barber-Carey (Vice President of the Barber National Institute) discusses the Institute's response to the COVID-19 crisis. While their school and day programs are closed at the Barber National Institute, they continue to operate 95 group homes across Pennsylvania for adults with autism and intellectual disabilities. Barber-Carey gives advice for any families now caring for special needs children at home 24 hours a day under the stay home orders, and offers resources for any parent now offering structure/education to their children at home	3/29/20	6:00 AM	30 minutes
Health	Mama Mia's owner was a live guest on WEHP to talk about the kidney foundation and how to help out with the mission of the organization and its impact on the community.	3/5/20	8:50 AM	5 minutes



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Health/Wellness	Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County Executive, was a live guest on WEHP to give the community updates on the COVID-19 Virus and what county residents should do to halt the spread of this deadly virus.	3/25/2020 3/26/2020	8:45 AM 7:35 AM	4 minutes each time
Health/Wellness	Mark Soliday from WICU-TV provided a live studio update on the COVID-19 virus	3/20/20	8:10 AM	5 minutes
Animal Care (off air)	WEHP staff participated in the Humane Society Trivia Bowl, raising money for the local animal shelter.	1/24/20	6:00 PM	3.5 hours
Environment (off air)	WEHP staff participated in Celebrity Bartending in cooperation with Molly Brannigan's to raise money for Australian wildlife in aftermath of the massive bush fires across the county that killed over an estimated one billion animals.	3/4/20	4:00 PM	5:00 PM
Animal Care (off air)	WEHP staff volunteers 1 hour/week at Erie Area Rabbit Society.	Weekly	Various	1 hour each week
Animal Care (off air)	WEHP staff helped with the Erie Animal Network's fundraiser Book/Bake Sale to help the organization care for lost/found pets.	3/14/20	1:00 PM	3 hours