

Programs and Issues  
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WRRN has determined the following issues to be important to listeners during the First quarter of 2024.

1. Healthcare
2. Economy
3. Mental Health
4. Government
5. Community

# Programs

## First Quarter 2024

### January-February-March

Community Matters is broadcast each Sunday Morning at 8:30 AM. Community Matters is a thirty-minute public affairs program that features interviews from the Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry, The Warren Public Library System, the Warren County Commissioners and other relevant organizations throughout the area. A list of Community Matters programs that aired during the First quarter of 2024 is attached.

## **Community Matters Programs**

Air Date; 01/07/2024: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Beacon Light

Aaron Mee talked with Gabriel MacGill from Beacon Light about some of their new programs they are starting in 2024 and what is involved with them. They discussed the reasons for the programs and some of the goals and when the classes would be starting.

Air Date;01/14/24: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Pennsylvania State Politics

Aaron Mee talked with Kara Jeffers, the Erie News Now Harrisburg Bureau Correspondent. They discussed a variety of political topics relating to the work being done in Harrisburg and then highlighted some of the planned upcoming coverage of various activities.

Air Date; 01/21/24: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Master Watershed Stewards Program/Winterfest

Aaron Mee talked with Amanda Stillwell of the Penn State Extension. They highlighted the existence of the Master Watershed Stewards Program and they talked about the upcoming classes to start the program. They also explained the value and importance of the program for our local waterways and gave information on how to become involved in the program. Following that, Aaron Mee talked to Savannah Zimmerman of the Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry to talk about their Winterfest event coming up. They highlighted the variety of activities taking place during the event as well as when and where the events would be taking place.

Air Date; 01/28/24: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Conewango Township Police/ Free Books for Kids Town

Aaron Mee is joined by Officer Charlie Andersen of the Conewango Township Police Department. They talked about their "Shop with a Cop" program and the success they have seen with it over the previous years as well as the massive success they experienced this year. They talked about their other various public engagement opportunities available and highlighted public safety reminders to keep in mind with winter weather. Aaron Mee is later joined by Ruby Wiles of Free Books for Kids Town, a nonprofit dedicated to giving free books to

under served and under privileged youth in Warren County. They talked about a few different upcoming events available to help support the work being done by Free Books for Kids Town.

Air Date;02/04/2024: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Warren Public Library

Aaron Mee talks with Kelli Knapp, Susan Slater, and Jennifer Knisley of the Warren Public Library. They talked about the library's 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Warren County community as well as the importance of the library. They also discussed how the library has grown, and changed over the course of the last 100 years. They ended the discussion highlighting a fundraising event for the library and discussing a variety of programs coming up for the children and in the teen space at the library.

Air Date; 02/11/2024: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Charcoal and Grey/ Rotary Club of Warren

Aaron Mee talks with Herb Schuuman and Andrew Grey from Charcoal and Grey, a new nonprofit in the Warren County area with a goal of reducing recidivism in the community. They talked about some of their upcoming events taking place as well as how they got started with their programs and what they are planning on doing moving forward. Aaron Mee was later joined

by Ruby Stone from the Rotary Club of Warren to talk about their Wild West Extravaganza and the different groups and programs that benefit locally from donations from the rotary club. They also talked about a few of the upcoming activities the rotary club is working on and how people can become involved.

Air Date; 02/18/2024: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Charcoal and Grey/ Warren Library

Aaron Mee talks with Herb Schuuman and Andrew Grey from Charcoal and Grey, a new non-profit in the Warren County area with a goal of reducing recidivism in the community. They talked about some of their upcoming events taking place as well as how they got started with their programs and what they are planning on doing moving forward. Later, Aaron Mee talks with Kelli Knapp, Susan Slater, and Jennifer Knisley of the Warren Public Library. They talked about the library's 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Warren County community as well as the importance of the library. They also discussed how the library has grown, and changed over the course of the last 100 years. They ended the discussion highlighting a fundraising event for the library and discussing a variety of programs coming up for the children and in the teen space at the library.

Air Date; 02/25/2024: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Breeze Point Landing Meeting

Aaron Mee talks with Doug Hearn and City Manager Mike Holtz about the upcoming Breeze Point Landing public input meeting. They talk about the plans for what will become of Breeze Point Landing in Warren, they talk about the development of the project, how it started to where it is now and how it has changed in scope and plan from the beginning. They then talked about the importance of the public input meeting, where it would be taking place, and when that meeting would be held.

Air Date; 03/3/2024: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Skylar Martin

Aaron Mee talked with local musician Skylar Martin who was recently recognized on national television on NBC's The Voice. They talked about his music career and how he got his start. They talked about the audition process for The Voice, and the whole experience. They ended the discussion highlighting some of the new music he has yet to release and gave a preview of when some of those dates would be.



Air Date; 03/10/2024: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Trails at Jakes Rocks

At 8:30 AM Community Matters was broadcast. Aaron Mee was joined by Jim Decker, President of the Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry. They talked about the history of the Jakes Rocks area, it's previous use, and how the trails were first constructed. They talked about the Leadership Warren County program that the Chamber supports and how that a specific graduating class from the leadership program started the work to build the trails at Jakes Rocks. They talked about the different uses the trails have had and also the variety of people making use of them. The discussion also highlighted the fact that the Trails at Jakes Rocks won the Pennsylvania Trail of the year for 2024 and the hard work done by countless volunteers to maintain the trail system.

Air Date; 03/17/2024: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Warren Philharmonic Orchestra

At 8:30 AM Community Matters was broadcast. Aaron Mee met with Bryan Eckenrode, Mandy Andrews, and Brenda Schnick of the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra. They talked about their upcoming Train concert and a few of the musical selections that they will be using for the program. They also talked about the variety of instruments in use for this show and told the history of how the show was originally scheduled for March of 2020 and

was shut down due to covid and the different issues that caused for the three members. They highlighted the date and time as well as the location of the upcoming concert to round out the conversation.

Air Date;03/24/2024: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Warren County Historical Society

At 8:30 AM Community Matters was broadcast. Aaron Mee talked with Michelle Grey, director of the Warren County Historical Society. They began their discussion on the Warren Art League and their exhibition taking place at the Warren County Historical Society. They moved in to talking about the Founders Day exhibit taking place during the month of April to honor the founders of Warren County. They then talked about the Wilder Museum of Warren County History and how it is ran in conjunction with the Warren County Historical Society. They talked about the available open hours at the Wilder Museum of Warren County History and rounded off the discussion with a conversation about their yearly board meeting and their speaker for the meeting as well as the topic.

Air Date; 03/31/2024: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Community Foundation of Warren County

At 8:30 AM Community Matters was broadcast. Aaron Mee talked with Mark King and Lou Ann Gadsby of the Community Foundation of Warren County. They talked about the variety of scholarships available to Warren County students currently as well as the plethora of programs available to help people in our community with filling out the scholarship forms as well as the FAFSA forms. They talked about the amount of money given out last year in scholarships and encouraged people to reach out to students and remind them of these free available dollars and tools. They also highlighted their open hours and ways they can help in person with either scholarship or FAFSA issues and rounded off the conversation with a reminder of the deadlines for the scholarships.