

WAPW-CA Public Service Programming
A Closer Look, Saturdays 6 AM – April - June 2005
Each segment is approximately 13 minutes in length

April 2, 2005

Mary Watts—Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a program sponsored by churches across the nation which train lay people to work with those in crisis situations. This service is free to individuals in the community. A Regional Workshop is being offered locally.

Leslie Osborne—Children's Advocacy Center

April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month and it is being observed locally with educational venues in the community. Governor Bredesens' wife will be walking locally in support of this effort.

April 9, 2005

Larry Munsey—Candidate for Mayor, Kingsport

Larry feels the economic development issue is one of the top priorities for the future of Kingsport.

Henry Prater—Candidate for Mayor, Kingsport

Mr. Prater feels his service through the law enforcement career will be beneficial in serving as mayor.

April 16, 2005

Karen James—Candidate, Kingsport Alderman

Mrs. James feels that her experience as a business owner will enhance her ability to serve as Alderman.

Patrick Shull—Candidate, Kingsport Alderman

Mr. Shull is retired from Military service and feels he can serve his home town through his experience there as well as being a small business owner.

April 23, 2005

Pat Wallin—Registered Dietician, Southeast United Dairy Association

The association is placing a focus on children and sports with particular emphasis on providing healthy snacks for active children. Mothers also are encouraged to maintain good health with proper diet and exercise.

Dennis Phillips—Candidate, Mayor of Kingsport

Mr. Phillips feels he can serve the city effectively with a focus on economic development and says the financial picture for Kingsport is in good shape.

April 30, 2005

Gary Mays—Candidate for Mayor, Kingsport

Mr. Mays is running for a second term and feels that he is qualified to follow up on previously implemented plans. He is particularly interested in economic development.

Sherry Owens—Kingsport Boys and Girls Club

The Boys and Girls Club serves youth at three different sites with an after school program. They also offer a summer program of activities to serve the families of working parents.

May 7, 2005

Julie Brinker Byers—Candidate for Mayor, Kingsport

Mrs. Byers has lived in cities that she feels have exposed her to ideas that will work well for the betterment of Kingsport. She feels education of a vital component for growing our community.

Ben Mallicote—Candidate for Mayor, Kingsport

Ben grew up in Kingsport and feels he would serve the city well with fresh ideas and an intensive pursuit of new business opportunities for the area.

May 14, 2005

Valerie Joh—Alderman Candidate, Kingsport

Mrs. Joh has served one term already and feels she can serve the city well with the knowledge she gained during that time.

Lafe Cook—Director, Dobyns Bennett Band

The Dobyns Bennett Band has received the prestigious Studler Flag of Honor from the John Philip Sousa Foundation. This honor was presented to only 3 high schools in the nation for 2004.

May 21, 2005

Pat Miller—Communities in Schools Johnson City

Communities in Schools has implemented a program called Restorative Justice. This program implements solutions to altercations at school by bringing the victim and perpetrator agreement.

Doug Gillenwater—General Manager, Volunteer Speedway

Volunteer Speedway is a dirt track operating Saturdays during spring, summer and fall. Many local racers as well as professionals use this track.

May 28, 2005

Kathy Smith—Second Harvest Food Bank

National Hunger Awareness Day will be observed June 7th with a meal at Anderson Park in Bristol. The 2005 theme is "One Big Table".

Officer Tom Patton—Kingsport Police Department

The department has planned a Safety Awareness Day for families, to take place on June 4th. Events are planned to make the community aware and comfortable with Police department services.

June 4, 2005

Abilgail Simmons—Kingsport Family YMCA

The local YMCA has a long history of service but some programs have been dropped with the lack of a full facility. A new facility has opened with plans for expanded schedules soon.

Connie Steere—Court Appointed Special Advocates

CASA Volunteers serve the community by providing investigation into child abuse cases and submitting reports to the judge on behalf of the child.

June 11, 2005

Bill Keller—Chair, Week of Caring

Week of Caring provides volunteers to assist non-profit agencies with projects they are not financially able to afford to do. This is a United Way project for area agencies.

Jim Brackens—Public Affairs Manager, Sprint

The recycling project for phone books is a nationwide endeavor to keep the waste out of landfills. The local project will continue until July 8.

June 18, 2005

Nancy Gilley—American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Relay for Life is a National event that is designed to create awareness of cancer and raise money for research. The Sullivan County event will take place at Bristol Motor Speedway on June 24th and 25th.

This segment featured a preview of Appalachian Sound Stage, a new program for WKPT-TV.

June 25, 2005

Karen West—Donor Service Manager, Marsh Regional Blood Center

Blood donors are needed during summer months due to a decrease in regular donations and an increase in trauma patients. You can safely donate blood every 52 days.

Lisa Childress & Amber Birdwell—Downtown Kingsport Association

DKA is sponsoring a 4th of July celebration in the downtown area. The event will feature food vendors, entertainment and fireworks and is billed as a family affair.