

WVAM
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Mid Ohio Valley Now

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April 4th, 2021- - MyRecoveryLink.org Continues to be Valuable Resource Against Addiction

The Buckeye Hills Regional Council continues to manage the grant-funded MyRecoveryLink.org website as a collection point of resources for those battling addiction. Brandi Beaver of Buckeye Hills joins to discuss the success of the program and how it's been able to continue as a resource against addiction.

April 11th, 2021- - Local Senior Center Adapts to Provide Services During COVID

Washington County's O'Neill Senior Center is one of a number of local nonprofits that had to find new ways to provide services to customers and/or clients during the pandemic. Erin O'Neill with the O'Neill Center joins to discuss how their organization stepped up to serve Washington County's seniors during COVID-19.

April 25th, 2021-- State of the Air Report has Good News Locally

The American Lung Association releases an annual State of the Air report about the condition of the air we breathe. This year's report brings some good news for the Mid-Ohio Valley. Kevin Stewart with the American Lung Association joins to discuss this year's findings.

May 2nd, 2021 - River City Farmers' Market

Marietta's River City Farmers' Market is one of the few year-round farmers' markets in the area. Tom Fagan and Dave Lang with the market join to tell us why spring is a special time of the year for farmers' markets and to share information about their market.

May 9th, 2021- - Emotional Strength Helpline Offers New Service for College Students

West Virginia's new emotional strengthline - 1-877-HELP-304 - experienced record call volume in March. The hotline recently unveiled a new support group aimed at helping college students. Sheila Moran of First Choice Services joins to discuss the new group and all the mental health services provided by First Choice's hotlines.

May 16th, 2021- - Ely Chapman Center Gears Up for Summer Programs

The Ely Chapman Educational Foundation is under new leadership. Lori Ullman has taken the reins as Executive Director. She joins to discuss the foundation's summer programs and how she plans to shape the non-profit during her time in leadership.

May 23rd, 2021- - Local Teen Begins Career as Novelist

Abby Farnsworth is a 17-year-old junior at Parkersburg South High School. Her first novel, EverGreen is a work of Young Adult romantic paranormal fiction. Abby has already held signing events locally in support of her book. She joins to talk about the process of writing a full-length novel while still in high school and about the challenges involved with starting a fiction series.

May 30th, 2021 - Local Counseling Service Hits Milestone Birthday

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Mid-Ohio Valley turns 50 this year. Executive Director Shelene Shrewsbury joins to discuss what's kept the organization around this long, as well as to share details on CCCS of the MOV's upcoming fundraising dinner.

June 6th, 2021- - Documentary Highlights New Martinsville's Regatta History

The New Martinsville Vintage Regatta is a throwback to the heyday of similar regatta events in New Martinsville during the 1930's, 40's and 50's. These exhibitions feature many of the same boats from yesteryear, but restored to run like new. Dave Kappel owns three of those

boats. He joins with cousin Gary Kappel, an historian emeritus at Bethany College, to talk about a documentary project with the goal of preserving the history of the New Martinsville event.

June 13th, 2021-- Serving the Area's Nonprofits Through COVID-19 (original broadcast January 21st)

COVID-19 has thrown a wrench into life in general, but it has particularly changed everything for area nonprofits and the foundations that provide support for them. The Marietta Community Foundation recently announced that in 2020, they were able to provide more cash assistance to area groups than in any prior year. Heather Allender of the Marietta Community Foundation joins to describe their work and how they were able to help so many during a time of struggle for so many.

June 20th, 2021--State of Tobacco Control Report Shows Bleak Findings in West Virginia (Original broadcast February 7th, 2021)

The American Lung Association releases an annual State of Tobacco Control Report each year, grading all 50 states on their responses in the areas of tobacco control and cessation. This year's report is particularly bleak for West Virginia. American Lung Association spokesperson Molly Pisciotto joins to discuss the findings and how things can improve for West Virginia in this critical public health issue.

June 27th, 2021-- Engineers' Organization Issues Report Card on Infrastructure (Original broadcast March 31st, 2021)

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) recently issued their report card on American infrastructure. Rodney Holbert, a local engineer and representative of ASCE, joins to discuss the national and statewide findings, plus what needs to be done to address infrastructure issues at the state and local levels.