

**WVAM**  
**Third Quarter, 2021**  
**Mid Ohio Valley Now**

Produced by WVAM news director Eric Little. The program airs Sundays at 7:30 A.M. on WVAM, Parkersburg, WV.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Documentary Highlights New Martinsville's Regatta History** (Originally broadcast June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

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.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021-- MyRecoveryLink.org: A Valuable Resource Against Addiction**

(Original air date April 4, 2021) 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.

**July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021- - Local Senior Center Adapts to Provide Services During COVID**

(Original air date April 11, 2021) 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.

### **July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021- - Local Teen Begins Career as Novelist**

(Original air date of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021) 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.

### **August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021- Entrepreneurship Expo Returns In-Person in 2021**

Marietta College's Entrepreneurship Expo returns as an in-person event in September after being delivered as an online series in 2020. Dr. Jacqueline Khorassani of Marietta College's Entrepreneurship Program joins to share details of this year's event and why it's important for entrepreneurs to return to in-person events and business networking.

### **August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Statewide Organization Advocates for West Virginia's Kids**

Think Kids is a non-profit advocating for the needs of West Virginia's children. Executive Director Kelli Caseman joins to discuss their mission and current initiatives.

### **August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021- Relay for Life Wood County 2021**

Relay for Life returns to Wood County later this month in a traditional format, after the pandemic caused changes to last year's event. Carmen Hathaway from the American Cancer Society joins to discuss this year's Relay and how the pandemic has impacted the organization's fundraising efforts.

### **August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - National Group Seeks to Help Parents of Those Addicted**

PAL Group is a national, faith-based organization designed to provide support for parents of addicted loved ones. Christine Merrill is the facilitator of a group that's starting this month in

Ritchie County and joins to discuss the organization and how it aims to help parents of people battling addiction.

### **September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021- Red Cross Needs Help to Meet Area/National Needs**

Fall is an active time for the American Red Cross and this year is no different. The Red Cross is currently seeking both blood donors and volunteers to respond to disasters locally and nationally. Sharon Kesselring from the local chapter of the Red Cross joins to discuss.

### **September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Walk Raises Awareness for Alzheimer's Disease**

The annual Walk to End Alzheimer's is coming up. Tammie Johnson and Tim Kern are the event committee's co-chairs. They join us to discuss their event and the continued importance of raising awareness and funds for Alzheimer's research.

### **September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021- - West Virginia Rates Poorly in State of Obesity Report**

The numbers are in, and they aren't good for West Virginia when it comes to obesity rates in the state. Dr. Jeanette Kowalik joins to discuss this year's report and its implications on public health in the region.

### **September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021- - ArtBeat Studio Preparing for Busy Holiday Season**

The Wood County Society's ArtBeat Studio launched the Art from the Heart Shop a couple years ago to highlight the work of their ArtBeat Studio artists. As the holiday season approaches, Wood County Society Executive Director Brandon Gress joins to discuss the organization's holiday plans for their retail space, and to share details about other ArtBeat studios located throughout the city of Parkersburg.