

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations:

WPDH, WPDA, WCZX, WEOK, WKXP, WZAD, WRRV, WRRB

April 1st, 2023 through June 30th, 2023

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- **Community Awareness:** The Hudson Valley community has made strides to recover since the COVID-19 pandemic, but there are ongoing issues that have been present before the pandemic that still need attention. This quarter we spoke with organizations that are available to the community to offer support. Various groups discussed their purpose in the community, and how they strive to better the lives of the community around them through their events and missions.
- **Health Awareness:** May was Mental Health Awareness Month, and a major focus on our program. We focused on organizations that are working in the community to create awareness when it comes to health issues. Mental health was a major talking point with the organizations we spoke to this quarter. We covered a grand survey of mental health-related topics ranging from substance abuse, mental illness, caregiving, burnout, and more. The organizations we spoke with dove into how they are spreading awareness of mental health, breaking down stigmas, and making conversations easier.
- **Local Economy:** This quarter was a great quarter for highlighting the local economy. This quarter, we spoke to small business owners, and taught our listeners ways to save money towards things they do and use every day. We also focused on the importance of tourism in the area as the weather got nicer for the spring and leading into summer. We talked about programs that encouraged the public to get involved and become local leaders.
- **Arts & Education:** The Hudson Valley has a very strong cultural base that includes Arts and Entertainment. It factors into a lot of areas in the region including economic and community wellness. Over the pandemic this part of our region was affected drastically. Now that things are re-opening, local artists, performers, venues, and organizations have been working to re-engage the community.
- **Legislation:** Besides highlighting programs and legislation at the moment that they are passed, we also look back to see the effect that the legislation has had on the community. We focused on some of the policies that had a direct effect on the residents, especially those which pertained to the physical and mental health of our residents. We revisited previous topics such as substance abuse and better speech and hearing, and the effects that the legislation had on our region since programs were passed and enacted.

Section II. Responsive Programs

“In Touch” is a locally produced public affairs program

The program airs every Sunday on WPDH, WPDA, WKXP and WEOK at 6am, WRRV and WRRB at 6:30am, and WCZX and WZAD at 11pm

Date(s) Aired	Description of Issue Discussed	Duration
4/2/2023	Arts, Education, Local Economy. Conor Walsh hosted the show which discussed the impact that the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival has on the community. Kendra Ekelund and Conor discussed the festival’s recent move, what to expect for the 2023 season, and the cultural and educational impact the festival has on the Hudson Valley community. Also, with the extension of the festival’s season, Kendra went into how the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival is expanding their clinics, classes, and shows for students and actors of all ages. Guest: Kendra Ekelund, Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival	26:23
4/9/2023	Community Awareness, Autism, Charitable Events, Arts: Conor Walsh hosted the show which discussed how Greystone Programs assists individuals with Autism and other special needs. Samara Enders, Tracilyn Vaticano and Conor discussed the goals and missions of Greystone, the importance their Expressive Arts Program has on the community, and their skydiving charity event Leap for Autism. Guest: Samara Enders & Tracilyn Vaticano, Greystone Programs Inc	26:34
4/16/2023	Arts, Education: Conor Walsh hosted the show which discussed the role the Hudson Valley Bluegrass Association plays into the region’s music scene. Besides talking about their 2022-23 and 2023-24 Concert Seasons, David Chernack and Conor dove into what it means to be a member of the HVBA, the cultural significance bluegrass has in the area, and how the association welcomes new members to educational and peer-bonding jam sessions and lessons. Guest: David Chernack, Hudson Valley Bluegrass Festival	26:27
4/23/2023	Health Awareness, Caregivers: Conor Walsh hosted the show which discussed the importance that caregivers have in the health community. Caregivers need care, as well, and Ericka Von Salwes and Conor talk about healthy habits for caregivers and important programs to assist in the care that they give. One program we highlighted is Respite Care, which allows caregivers a break to tend to other important matters	23:19

	or to simply have time for themselves.	
	Guest: Ericka Von Salews, Vassar Warner Home	
4/30/2023	<p>Legislation, Drug Abuse, Public Safety, Addiction, Accessibility: Conor Walsh hosted the show which discussed how Bridge Back to Life's Mobile Treatment Unit has been improving the quality of life in Sullivan County. The unit, which was unveiled in 2022, was a direct response to the opioid epidemic in Sullivan County. The MTU was triggered by a lawsuit with the pharmaceutical companies surrounding the opioid epidemic. The MTU is designed to provide outpatient services for Alcohol and Drug addictions in the most rural areas in our county where some people cannot go to a traditional brick-and-mortar location within their area and sometimes have to drive almost an hour or more to get to one.</p> <p>Guest: Julia Lybolt, Bridge Back to Life</p>	23:02
5/7/2023	<p>Mental Health, Community Resources: Conor Walsh hosted the show which discussed Astor Services' APA-Accredited Doctoral Internship. May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Jennifer Brody and Conor talk about the highly acclaimed internship program she runs at Astor Services, the incredible counseling programs that Astor Services offers its clients, the recent changes to their programs since their rebranding, their special events such as Dine Out for Mental Health happening all of May, and more.</p> <p>Guest: Jennifer Brody, Astor Services</p>	25:21
5/14/2023	<p>Legislation, Hearing Impaired, Health: Conor Walsh hosted the show which discussed the impact of the latest legislation passing the sale of over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids over the last six months since it was passed. May is Better Speech and Hearing Month, so Ed Ryan, Byron Robertson, and Conor discussed the importance of getting your hearing tested regularly.</p> <p>Guest: Ed Ryan & Byron Robertson, Beltone Hearing</p>	26:55
5/21/2023	<p>Arts, Education: Conor Walsh hosted the show which discussed the Field of Honor Memorial Day Celebration. Laurie Woolever, Dr. Greer Rychcik, and Conor discuss their upcoming event, along with their scholarship and grants programs, plus the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and how that ties into the Hyde Park community.</p> <p>Guest: Laurie Woolever & Dr. Greer Rychcik, Hyde Park Education Foundation</p>	27:59
5/28/2023	Mental Health, Community Resources, Health Education:	29:29

	<p>Conor Walsh hosted the show which discussed remote mental health resources. Peer Health Exchange provides young people with the support, resources, education opportunities, and digital products needed to make positive healthy decisions. Dr. Glymph has accumulated 15 years of experience and expertise developing and managing health and educational equity programs, as well as evaluating health and educational outcomes of such programs. One of their programs, Selfsea, is a peer-to-peer platform with mental health resources, support, and stories for young people from young people.</p> <p>Guest: Dr. Angela Glymph, Peer Health Exchange</p>	
6/4/2023	<p>Local Economy, Education, Public Library: Conor Walsh hosted the show which discussed how local libraries can save families, businesses, towns and counties thousands of dollars each year. The first public library system to be certified through the Sustainable Libraries Certification Program, the Mid-Hudson Library System aims to foster tighter communities, build community resilience, and bring together diverse groups of people that would not normally speak. Rebekkah Smith Aldrich and Conor discussed the steps that they are taking to be eco-friendly and sustainable, along with how the library systems' interconnectivity improves communication and cost effectiveness.</p> <p>Guest: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Mid-Hudson Library System</p>	24:46
6/11/2023	<p>Local Economy, Tourism: Conor Walsh hosted the show which discussed how everyone in Dutchess County plays a part in the tourism of the area. Melaine Rottkamp and Conor talk about the economic impact of Dutchess County Tourism, plus their workforce training programs, such as their Certified Tourism Ambassador program.</p> <p>Guest: Melaine Rottkamp, Dutchess Tourism</p>	27:04
6/18/2023	<p>Community Awareness, Hunger, Poverty, Community Resources: Conor Walsh hosted the show which discussed how Meals on Wheels of Greater Newburgh serves individuals who need daily meals. Meals on Wheels provides hot, fresh meals to those who have a hard time preparing meals for themselves, including the elderly, and those with special medical conditions. Joe Dirago, Robin Bello and Conor discussed their upcoming "Take a Swing at Hunger" Golf Tournament, where the proceeds go directly to funding and aiding the individuals Meals on Wheels serves.</p> <p>Guest: Joe Dirago & Robin Bello, Meals on Wheels of Greater Newburgh</p>	27:38

6/25/2023	<p>Local Economy, Environment, Education: Conor Walsh hosted the show which discussed the need for environmentally friendly and sustainable clothing. NoNetz is a local business that specializes in clothes for men and boys to feel comfortable in their own skin. Business owner Cathy Paraggio explained her business model, and how she has used NoNetz as an educational tool to help her college-age son learn how to run a business. Cathy and Conor also discussed how NoNetz has partnered with other organizations in efforts to clean the oceans and plant trees.</p> <p>Guest: Cathy Paraggio, NoNetz</p>	26:22
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