

Programs and Issues  
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WNAE has determined the following issues to be important to listeners during the third quarter of 2023.

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

# Programs

## Third Quarter 2023

### July-August-September

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 third quarter of 2023 is attached.

## **Community Matters Programs**

Air Date; 07/02/2023: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Wilds Are Working Initiative

Aaron Mee talked with Brittany Madera, Savannah Zimmerman, and other members of the PA Wilds group about their idea to bring remote workers from large cities to very small towns across the region. They discussed the previous pilot projects and the kinds of success they found in the program, and then highlighted the new places that have been selected for this year with Warren being one of them.

Air Date;07/09/23: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Busti's Bicentennial Celebration

Aaron Mee talked with Jesse Robbins, the Township Supervisor for the Busti Township. They discussed the long history of the town of Busti, and some of the enterprises that have called it home over the years. Rounding out their talk they highlight a full slate of summer events taking place throughout July, August, and September in commemoration of the Bicentennial celebrations.

Air Date; 07/16/23: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM  
Program: Community Matters  
Topic: Court Appointed Special Advocates

Aaron Mee talked with Melissa Sproveri of the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Warren County. They talked about the importance of the program and the people that it helps. The discussion then turned to how people are able to help the program, either through volunteering or becoming an advocate. They then discussed the upcoming golf tournament to benefit the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Warren County.

Air Date; 07/23/22: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM  
Program: Community Matters  
Topic: Beacon Light / United Fund

Aaron Mee is joined by members of Beacon Light to discuss some of the different therapies and treatments available for a variety of mental health conditions and how those plans actually work. Following that discussion, Aaron was joined by Lacey Hanson, the executive director of the United Fund of Warren County. They highlighted the successes found in their 2022-23 Torchlight campaign and then talked about what they are hoping to achieve for the 2023-24 campaign. They rounded the discussion off with highlighting their campaign kickoff event taking place at the end of September.

Air Date;07/30/2023: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Warren County Front Porch Days

Aaron Mee talks with Gary Lester and Doug Hems about the creation of Warren County Front Porch Days. They talked about how it has progressed over a few short years from a small street bloc party to a citywide event to a county wide event and how they are hoping to grow it as they go. The discussion also included what events will be taking place as part of Warren County Front Porch Days and where they will be held.

Air Date; 08/06/2023: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry /  
Crary Art Gallery

Aaron Mee talks with Savannah Zimmerman of the Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry about several of the events taking place across Warren County during the month of August. They talked about the Industrial Softball Tournament, several ribbon cuttings and business openings, and briefly highlighted the Trails at Jakes Rocks Trailfest for September. Afterwards Aaron is joined by Thomas Paquette from the Crary Art Gallery to talk about a few of their upcoming exhibitions taking place throughout August.

Air Date; 08/13/2023: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Wilds Sonshine Factory

Aaron Mee talks with Taylor from the Wilds Sonshine Factory. They talked about how the operation got started by working with the Pa Wilds and then they discussed the idea and making of their sunflower fermented alcohol. They then talk about some of the educational opportunities available at their location.

Air Date; 08/20/2023: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Celtic festival and gathering of the clans

Aaron Mee talks with Doug Clark, the organizer of the Celtic festival. They talked about the history of Scottish heritage in the region and what can be expected during the festival this year.

Air Date; 08/27/2023: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Experience Inc / A Safe Place

Aaron Mee talked with staff from Experience Incorporated about the programs they have available for senior citizens throughout the area. They discussed the different things they are able to help with and the activities they frequently participate in to benefit seniors. Later Aaron talked with Savannah from WCCBI about their upcoming car show taking

place to benefit A Safe Place. They talk about what A Safe Place is and discuss several other of the events taking place that day.

Air Date; 09/03/2023: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Penn State Extension Waterfront Project

At 8:30 AM Community Matters was broadcast. Aaron Mee was joined by Harry Chrissy, a multispatial geologist for the Penn State Extension. They talked about a new project being taken on by the Penn State Extension to help in designing development for the downtown waterfront in the city of Warren. They talked about the implementation of the project and the meetings and work involved, as well as how the public can get involved in the design themselves.

Air Date; 09/10/2023: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Harrisburg Bureau reports

At 8:30 AM Community Matters was broadcast. Aaron Mee met with Brendan Scanland, the Harrisburg bureau reporter for Erie News Now. They talked about some of the challenges facing the state and how lawmakers are working to solve them.



Air Date;09/17/2023: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: DC Update from Rachel Knapp

At 8:30 AM Community Matters was broadcast. Aaron Mee talked with Rachel Knapp, the Washington D.C. political correspondent for Erie News Now. They talked about some of the current challenges the country is facing, as well as the supplies of weapons to Ukraine and how our local representatives are voting on those measures.

Air Date; 09/24/2023: 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

Program: Community Matters

Topic: Kassie Damcott / Renee Haight

At 8:30 AM Community Matters was broadcast. Aaron Mee talked with Kassie Damcott, the City of Warren Administrative Assistant about their leaf cleanup plans, the plans they are making to deal with blight in the city, the work they have been doing to keep up to date with their fair housing requirements and other administrative reminders for residents as we enter the fall season. Aaron is later joined by Renee Haight from the Alzheimer's Association to talk about her new caregiver group talks and discussions.