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Two Fun Events Scheduled



"Sparky" is shown during last year's Luzerne County Fair.

Two fun events are scheduled by WRGN. The station will man a stand at the Luzerne County Fair, September 8 - 12. "Sparky," the "WRGN Radio Dog" will be there handing out candy to the kids. The staff will be on hand to greet visitors with gifts and information. A drawing, following the event will award Christian music to winners.

On Monday, October 11, WRGN's Fall Skate will be held at Skateaway, Wilkes Barre, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. WRGN DJ's, Jonathan Broscious and Tim Madeira will be playing music and awarding gifts to skaters. Everyone's invited to attend this family event. Admission is \$3.00

Radio Drama Hour On WRGN

Beginning October 9, Focus On The Family Radio Theatre will join WRGN's lineup of programs and will air at 6:30 p.m., Sundays.

Lamplighter Theatre production follows, making a full hour of radio theatre. Focus Radio Theatre begins with a voyage back to Narnia as it

presents "The Voyage of The Dawn Trader." Lamplighter Theatre begins a new story, "The Robber's Cave," on September 11. "Radio Theatre is loved by Christian radio listeners and we are pleased to be airing a full hour of it," said WRGN Manager, Burl Updyke.

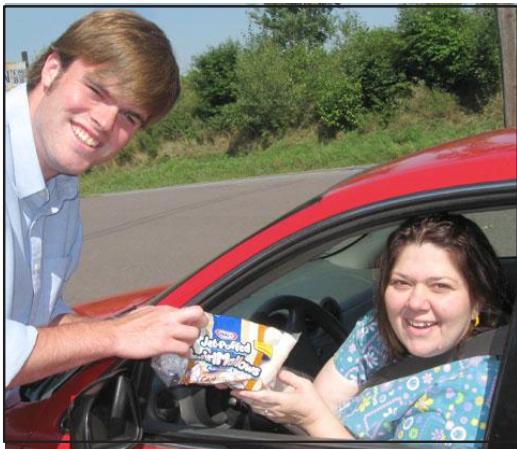
Listeners Love A Little Fun!



Shirl Updyke displays the oversized, strawberry/vanilla marshmallows in a pyramid shape.

On August 30, it was "National Marshmallow Day," and that became the topic on "Shirl and You" airing weekdays at 10:00 a. m. However it did not end on that day as listeners decided the staff should sample some rather uniquely flavored marshmallows. Ellen Belles, Dallas, blew her car horn outside the studios and presented Jonathan Broscious with a bag of caramel and vanilla ones.

And there's more! Three days later, a box arrived and inside was a big bag of oversized marshmallows, (bigger than we've ever seen), strawberry and vanilla flavored. The package came from Cathy Hawk, of Perryville. She wrote: "This is my thanks to you for the impact your ministry has daily on my life. I listen to WRGN all the time. Thanks for



Ellen Belles, of Dallas, hands Jonathan Broscious a bag of caramel flavored marshmallows.

allowing me to hear godly input all day and all night." In regard to the marshmallows she said maybe they are mini-marshmallows that were given steroids. Shirley Updyke, host of "Shirl and You" said, "I've been telling listeners they really make 'Shirl and You.' and it's true."

Please pray with us

PRAY: An extra heavy work schedule begins this fall at WRGN. Pray that area youths will be encouraged to know that WRGN stands behind them in their plans to honor God during "See You At The Pole." Pray for Tim Madeira as he conducts the "See You At The Pole" broadcast September 22, at 7:00 a.m.

PRAISE: God that WRGN/WIVH are able to use the internet for His glory in promoting His work. Both broadcast and library information are updated daily. Prayer requests are added daily, too.

PRAISE: we are close to having completed the new transmitter installation for WIVH and are hearing from people who waited patiently, some never leaving the frequency while praying that problems would be resolved.

PRAY: Before one problem was completed, others occurred. Several pieces of WIVH equipment were destroyed by power surges resulting from Hurricane Earl. Pray for funds to cover the repairs and replacement of this equipment.

PRAY: Work day is planned at WRGN for October 9. The interior of the studios has not been painted since the station moved here, sixteen years ago. Pray volunteers will be willing to help. The huge growth of sumac behind the WRGN building is being cut down and spraying will be done in hopes of eradicating it.

PRAY: as WRGN's Fall Family Skate is held, October 11. May area youths invite others, even unbelievers, to enjoy the event and hear the gospel in music and message. May the event's influence help turn area

youth's lives around for God.

PRAY: The Good News Library will mark its eighth birthday on October 27. New people continue to use the library. A Christian Library, such as it, is a rarity and a wonderful gift from God. Pray for wisdom for the staff as they operate it. Pray, too, for librarian, Mary Bodek, who is suffering from pneumonia

PRAY: Shirl Updyke's book, "Vision To Reality," is a great testimony to God's faithfulness and is an encouragement to readers. As Christmas approaches, may people remember it as an ideal gift.

PRAY: Only \$175.00 is all that is needed to reach the deficit of WIVH's May Shar-A-Thon. However, greater expenses have been building with moving problems and hurricane damage to equipment. Pray that listeners will help spread the word of WIVH's new location so listenership and giving will build again.

PRAY: much wisdom is needed as the WRGN staff prepares for Shar-A-Thon 2010, November 17, 18 and 19. Pray, too, that God will work in the hearts of the listeners, both those faithful in their support and those never giving before.

PRAY: for wisdom, energy and encouragement for Jonathan and Tiffany Bowman as they serve as operators of WIVH.

PRAISE: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." -Galatians 6:9. As we keep on doing good and trust God for the results we will reap a harvest of blessing.

Internet Search Finds Book



Home schooler mom and teacher, Estella Naugle, checked on the availability of a Good News library book on the internet, then came to the library to get it. Her son, Bradley is shown finding the book, needed for his education. All books may be found by going to WRGN's website at www.WRGN.com and clicking on "Library."

Poems In Minutes!

It was recently poetry day on "Shirl and You" and in a few minutes, listeners and staff responded with rhymes that expressed their thoughts of the program. Here's a few examples.

From Sharon Sutliff, Shickshinny, came this ditty: "Listening to 'Shirl and You' each day, will surely help you find your way. For Jesus is the Truth and the Light, you will be blessed both day and night."

WRGN's secretary, Judi May said, "'Shirl and You' is on at 10, You must keep listening again and again. There's music, scripture, fun and more, so listen, learn and laugh galore."

Jonathan Broscious topped everyone's with this one: "You never know what a day will hold on 'Shirl and You,' and we look forward to hearing from a friend or two. Randy Parry with his ice cream that's homemade, Sharon's ice cream truck that needs a band aid. Rita and Maegnes, sisters that Judie can't distinguish, Don Mayer whose enthusiasm you can't extinguish. Leon Walls who drove his motorcycle way too fast, Kathy Gibson, who always give a great big laugh. Eddie Kaminski who sounds like Sylvester Stallone, Marsha Cragle brings us a coca cola clone. So many more that I'd like to choose, but I can't because we're against the news."

Seen At The Library



Carolyn Oravitz, Harvey's Lake and Marion Mahoney, also of Harvey's check out the shelves of the Good News Library.

Prayer Partners Needed

"WRGN's Shar-A-Thon 2010 will be conducted on November 17, 18 and 19, and we're hoping to raise lots of prayer partners this year," said Burl Updyke, station manager, as he announced the event. Everyone willing to pray for the event's success may contact the station at 800-245-3688. Prayer is crucial as people ask God to work in the hearts of listeners, so they may realize the importance of becoming a supporter of WRGN. "It's so important for people to give what God's lay on their hearts to give, regardless of the size of the gift. We're hoping more people will take this to heart this year," said Burl. He said if every

listener would realize that we need each and every one of them standing with us financially, there would be no financial burden on any one person. We've all got to work together, to keep occupying the airwaves for God," he said.

Upcoming Events

- September 8-12 - WRGN at Lutzerne Co. Fair
- October: Clergy Appreciation Month
- October 9 - Work Day at WRGN
- Nov. 17, 18, 19 - WRGN Shar-A-Thon

Here at the studios...

When Shirl Updyke announced that it was "National Marshmallow Day" this really perked the interests of WRGN listeners. Don't miss the stories about their participation, printed in this issue of the Radio-gram. We also report on "Poetry Day," when listeners wrote poems about "Shirl and You."

Our hearts went out to Cindy Powell, of Jeddo, near Hazleton, as she told of her difficulty finding work. Only by the grace of God has she been able to care for her two disabled children and put herself through college. She is now facing many financial problems. Pray for her.

First time caller to "Shirl and You", Lisa Banska, Tobyhanna, called the show, "wonderful." We met many new callers last month.

Nancy Wunderlich, a one year resident of Shavertown, has listened a few years to WRGN. She lived in Wilkes Barre for twenty years, a city she says is not as safe as it used to be.

Ed Newland, of Bordentown, New Jersey, was passing through the area to pick up his son, Zachary, who had recently started college at Lock Haven. He was listening to and called "Shirl and You" for the first time.

Did we hear Tom Luisser, of Slatington, right? Did he say he was dusting and cleaning? "Yes, me and my wife, Nita are in partnership," he said. He was doing his part. He and Nita like taking their GPS while traveling north into the Poconos. It was his first time on "Shirl and You."

Ruth Vigo, whose nationality is Peruvian, now lives in Allentown.

Three months ago, while looking for a Christian station, she found WRGN. "Christian radio is important," she said. She asked that we pray for protection for her loved ones in Peru.

Israel Gual, Lancaster, makes deliveries frequently in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He is an avid Christian radio listener, including WRGN. "Can't live without it," he said. Since WRGN went online, he is able to listen to it at home in Lancaster.

Rose Armitage, Avoca, are among the many new listeners finding WRGN the last couple of months. Shirl talked to her while she drove in the area.

Maia Farmer, 13, of Pittston, prefers living here rather than in Florida. She has a bunch of cousins living here. Maia recently wrote a song about God the gardener, who pulls the weeds of sin out of the garden of life. May God continue to use her talents.

Alex Benjamin, Scranton, called to pay tribute to a "Christian lady with a big heart." That lady was Marjorie Jonvil, who helped Alex find courage and strength to handle life. Marjorie is also a WRGN listener.

WRGN's August Giveaway, was a CD by Aaron Shust. We heard from Ruth Conahan, who is a relative of his. She lives in Wilkes Barre.

Come visit us at the studios, and call "Shirl and You."

Read Shirl Updyke's
New Book

"Vision to Reality"
\$16.95 at WRGN Studios

From us to you ...



September 2010

Dear Ones:

You'll notice in one of the radio spots we're airing for WRGN's Shar-A-Thon, (yes, it will be conducted on November 17, 18 and 19), we use the word desperate. Is it too strong a word to use when asking you to contribute to the ministry here? We could use the words crucial, intense, uncertain and sometimes grim as we impress on listeners the importance of everyone becoming supporters of this listener-supported station. If everyone gave what God laid on their hearts to give the situation would not be grim. But, if you've followed past Shar-A-Thons closely, you're aware that it can seem grim at times.

It is no exaggeration to say that listeners' giving will help save lives here. Our only hope in this sin wracked world is God's Word. Spiritual darkness becomes light by the power of it and His Word is heard 24 hours daily on WRGN. But that's only as you make it possible by your gifts. Everyone's participation is crucial.

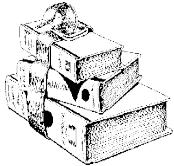
Our desires are right! They are to continue to reach souls for Christ through the broadcasts. The intenseness of Shar-A-Thon is felt when we fear that the goal will not be met, while thinking if every listener shares in meeting the costs of operating WRGN, it will be! We are getting ready for Shar-A-Thon trusting God to supply the station's needs. Pray that our trust in Him will be greater than ever and that fear and uncertainty will fade as the response from listeners show that indeed their desire is to keep this Christian radio station strong in the upcoming year.

We've made it obvious that Shar-A-Thon is a serious time for the station. Now we leave our thoughts and hopes about it with you, and in God's hands. We hope you'll begin praying now, that listeners will realize the seriousness of their participation in Shar-A-Thon.

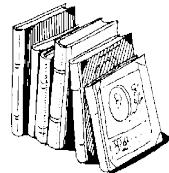
Pray For Us in This Crucial time,
Lovingly,

Burl & Shirley Updyke

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New at the Library



People are beginning to check the Good News Library online, then call the library to learn if the desired item is on the shelf. The library's over 14,000 items are listed there and this makes it possible to browse the shelves from home. Go to WRGN's website at www.wrgn.com and click on library.

Lamplighter Theatre CD's are available at the Good News Library. The audio set entitled, "The Cap-

tive", tells the story of Anselmo. Taken captive by pitiless pirates, and sold into slavery in a foreign land, Anselmo sees his faith put to the test.

The book entitled, "The Christian Atheist," addresses people who believe in God but live as if He doesn't exist. The author's frank conversation about Christian atheist tendencies and habits is a convicting and life-changing read.

Bill Hybels is the author of a book entitled, "The Power of a Whisper." Bill says believers can learn to hear from heaven as they navigate life on earth. Such listening can allow a person to adopt bold new practices and ditch the self-destructive habits that do harm.

The next book kids will love, but so will adults who love cats. It's entitled, "Do You Have a Cat?" The book is actually a history of cats and their owners. It has a rhyming text and colorful, energetic paintings.

"What God Really Thinks About Women," is a book filled with amazing stories of women in the Bible whose lives were changed by Jesus. The author invites the reader to watch how Jesus calls women out of the shadows and onto center-stage to play leading roles in the greatest story ever told.

"The Jesus Boat Revealed," is a DVD telling the story of how a record drought revealed a long-hidden relic, an ancient fishing vessel from the Sea of Galilee. Archaeologists wonder if it could be the boat of Jesus Christ. The excavation and recovery efforts are told here.

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