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WRGN's time and temperature sign broke a new record for us on Friday, July 22 as it reached 107 degrees!

It was nearly a record setting day, although not quite as warm as our time and temperature sign proclaimed. When the sun shines all day, the afternoon temperature on the sign tends to read 5-6 degrees higher than the actual temperature. The sign did generate a lot of interest though, as drivers stopped to take a picture of the triple digit temperature readings.

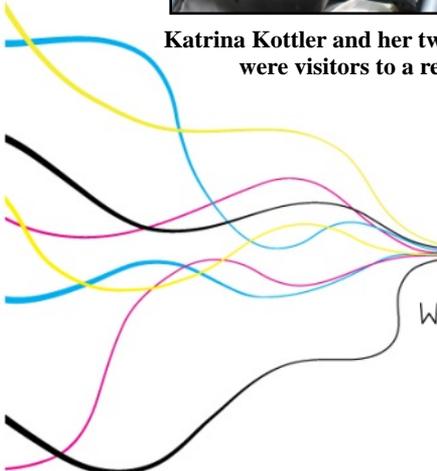
The day's record tied the previous record for July 22 of 98 degrees set back in 1955, although listener and volunteer Elsie Mahoney remembers a heat wave in 1936 that she says was

just as hot. That was long before they started keeping local records in 1955.

The temperature was warm enough to cause some difficulties at our main transmitter site in Sweet Valley. An exhaust fan motor burned out from running continuously trying to keep up with the heat, which in turn caused the transmitter to overheat and shut down. Fortunately, Burl Updyke had a spare motor on the shelf at the transmitter building and quick work by Jonathan Broschious and Tim Madeira had WRGN transmitting at full power once again in about 15 minutes.



Katrina Kottler and her two sons, Joshua and David, were visitors to a recent WRGN event.



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SEE YOU AT THE POLE™ 9.28.11

Whenever two or three of you
come together in my name,
I am there with you.

Matthew 18:20 CEV

Calling all students!

Converge is the theme of this September's See You At The Pole. Every year we talk to students on the air as they meet at their school flagpoles during **See You At The Pole, Live!**

This year we would like to hear reports from more students and schools than ever before. If you want to participate, call us at 1-800-245-3688 for information.

In Memoriam

Attorney Keith Shildt and Elva-Evans Shildt, Blythe Evans III and Jessica Ohl recently contributed to WRGN in memory of their parents, Attorney Blythe and Marlette Evans.

Please pray with us

PRAISE: for Burl & Shirley Updyke as founders of WRGN, who had the vision for Christian radio for Northeastern Pennsylvania.

PRAY: for our many prayer requests that are received daily via the phone or our website.

PRAY: for regular contributions to continue during the summer months when many Christian ministries notice their donations decrease.

PRAISE: for Mary Bodek and Mary Ann Lipinski who work so faithfully at the Good News Library to keep the shelves and books in tip top shape!

PRAISE: for WRGN's faithful listeners as they contribute to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ over the airwaves.

PRAY: for technical wisdom for Jonathan Broschious as he keeps the website and all of the computers here at the station running flawlessly!

PRAISE: Iva Killian, faithful Friend of WRGN, is home after surgery last month and was even able to join us for our Friends meeting. Thank you for your prayers!

PRAY: for wisdom and finances as we consider the purchase of the tower site for our Wilkes-Barre translator, 100.3

PRAISE: for the Friends of WRGN who meet monthly as a support team for Tim and Heather Madeira, and Judie May, Jonathan Broschious and Dan Longmore.

PRAY: for WIVH operators Jon and Tiffany Bowman and their 4 children as they serve the Lord in St. Croix.

PRAISE: for new callers from both WRGN and WIVH who are heard from daily on *Connect Live!*

PRAY: for our area's pastors as they minister to many hurting people in their congregations. May they be able to share the love of Jesus with them and offer them hope.

PRAISE: for a spare exhaust fan motor for our transmitter building when the July heat wave caused the temperatures inside the building to climb to 118 degrees!

PRAY: for our area teens as they prepare to return to school, that they would have courage to share their faith with other students. See You at the Pole, a national event, will be held Wednesday, September 28, when area students will pray around their school flag poles!

...Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! Psalm 105:1

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Choose from two different audio streams on our website, www.wrgn.com.



Knoebels Ticket Winners!



Kurtis Kowalski was the winner of a Family Four Pack of tickets to Knoebels during a recent edition of Connect Live! He is pictured here with his parents Gail and Ed Kowalski, and baby sister Kara.



We love meeting visitors to the Good News Library. Joy Darby and her daughter Kaliyah and Odetta Todd and her daughter Amanda Barberio recently visited.



Here at the studios



The “dog days” of summer have been described as very hot and stagnant or marked by being dull and having a lack of progress. That is not the case at the WRGN studios! Things here may be hot, but certainly not dull or lacking in progress.

We have been very excited to talk with WRGN's listeners during *Connect Live!* (formerly *Shirl & You*). This program maintains a familiar format to our listeners with a mix of music, fun questions and Bible questions, along with the opportunity to “Connect” with you on the phone, on the internet, and of course, on the air.

We are thrilled when our listeners stop by the station to visit and Ellen Belles did just that. She brought along with her two bags of Gummy dinosaurs when we were discussing what the heaviest gummy bear weighed. She also brought donuts which Jonathan thoroughly enjoyed!

What is your standard breakfast? Do you like a traditional eggs and bacon or do you find whatever you can to get your day started?!? A Palmerton listener likes a good BLT for breakfast! Why were we talking about breakfast? We were discussing how many flavors of pop tarts there are. Would you believe there are 29 flavors!

Congratulations to all of our Knoebels ticket winners. They will be enjoying an exciting time riding the rides compliments of Knoebels Amusement Park in Elysburg.

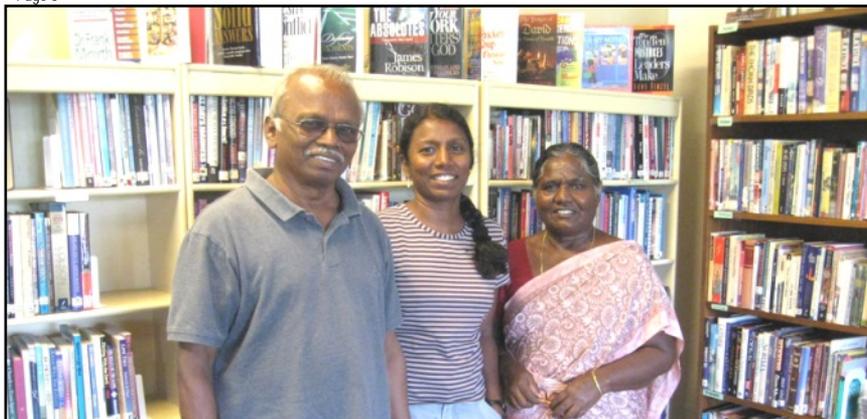
We heard from Robert Collon from Langhorn who listens to WRGN on the internet. He and his wife,

Jessica, (formerly of Scranton), are newlyweds for four months. They met at Philadelphia Biblical University while studying to be teachers. Thanks Jessica for introducing your husband to WRGN and for continuing to listen. We later got to talk to Robert's mother-in-law, Becky Taylor, as she was the winner of Knoebels tickets and plans on taking Robert and Jessica.

Seven year old Daniel from Pittston will be enjoying a day at Knoebels with his three brothers, Ben, John, Thomas and his sister Abigail. Have fun!

Tim Madeira spoke to Tom Fennon, a former Marine from Palmerton. He can see our Allentown translator on top of Blue Mountain from his property. Tom has a machine shop where he listens to WRGN while he works, and he is very active in his church. Tim told Tom to watch for a visit as Tim travels to all of the WRGN translator sites this summer!

Recently on *Connect Live!*, we played the Grandparents Game, just for fun. Here's the rules for the game. Each grandchild was worth one point. Each great-grandchild was worth two points. And great-great-grandchildren were three points each. The catch is that you had to be able to name all of the kids you were claiming for points! The clear winner of the contest was Martha Raphael from St. Croix, who totaled 41 points, with 23 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. She was able to name all but one great-grandchild. She did note that he was named after a Bible character. Remembering all those names was quite an admirable feat!



Angela Asirvatham-Stine visited the WRGN studios with her parents, Arthur and Jothi Asirvatham, who were visiting from Chennai, India. Arthur was buying books from our Book Store to take home with him!



New at the Library



It's been another exciting month at the Good News Library and we have many new exciting books and DVDs to add to our shelves. Here's a sampling of what's new!

Elizabeth George is a favorite author and speaker and has produced a two-DVD set, *Loving God with All your Mind*. Elizabeth helps you understand how to handle your emotions by focusing on what is true about God and life, grasp His purpose for your life and move toward it, and trust Him in new ways and find inner peace in your circumstances.

If you're looking for one more summer read to get in before this summer passes us by you may want to check out *Hostage in Havana* by Noel Hynd, the first in a series of The Cuban Trilogy. Two more books are planned for this series. You'll read about the adventures of US Treasury agent Alexandra Laduca as she travels to Cuba on an illegal mission that could cost her everything. Recovering from the tragic loss of her fiancé a year earlier, she reexamines faith and new love while taking you on a fast paced adventure that will hold you hostage. This novel is from Zondervan.

If you're looking to move your faith from a thought to a lifestyle then you want to read Mark Scandrette's new book, *Practicing the Way of Jesus* published by IntersVarsity Press. This book provides something we urgently need today: a practice based approach to spiritual formation. The author avoids any hint of legalism by stressing the inner character over the outer action and as the author says, "not merely engaging in pious practices, but learning to dance to God's song.

Am I Really a Christian? is written by Mike McKinley with a foreword by Kirk Cameron. It's published by Crossway Publishers. The author shows us the importance of examining our standing with God and helps us to fearlessly ask the hard questions, ultimately allowing us to see whether we are in the faith and what exactly that entails.

The Good News Library is located at the WRGN studios and is open 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays! Check out the online card catalog to find a book right for you. Happy reading!

From us to you...



August 2011

To the WRGN listening family,

Summer is usually a time to slow down, take a break and smell the roses. For us, this summer has been anything but...except for the smell the roses part. Heather loves fresh flowers and Judie May, the secretary here at WRGN made sure there were flowers on her desk to celebrate our first week in the office! Gestures like that and encouraging comments from many of you make the extra time and effort this summer well worth the investment.

We say investment because we believe the time spent for the kingdom is an investment in touching lives for eternity. The time we have here on earth is so short in light of eternity, and you are investing along with us by your support of WRGN. Many ministries have said these summer months have been very difficult, as people go on vacation and giving tapers off. We have been blessed by your faithfulness to the ministry of WRGN, and the way you have stood with us through these tough economic times.

That is not to say that this summer has been without its challenges. The tower company that rents us space for the Wilkes-Barre translator has said they plan to sell the tower. That means we will either need to find a new tower to rent space on, which could mean some engineering costs, or purchase the existing tower and transmitter building. The cost of purchasing the tower, while reasonable, was certainly not in the budget, so we are exploring our options, and would appreciate your prayers as we make this decision.

We are so excited about what God has done in the past through the ministry of WRGN, and are excited about being a part of what he has for the future as well. We look forward to working together with you for the kingdom!

Grace to you,

Tim + Heather Madeira

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Upcoming Events:

- *See You at the Pole Live!*
Wednesday, September 28
- *Fall Family Skate*
Monday, October 10 (Columbus Day)
- *WRGN's 27th birthday*
October 19
- *Good News Library 9th Anniversary*
October 26
- *Share-A-Thon 2011*
Tuesday - Friday, November 8 - 11

