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Quarterly Issues/Programs List 2023-Fourth Quarter

Below is a list of some of the significant issues responded to by Station WFRB-FM/WFRB-AM, WRQE, and WTBO, Cumberland, Maryland, along with the most significant programming treatment of the issues for the period October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Issue	Program/Title	Date	Time	Length	Description
Employment	Eastern WV Comm. & Technical College College Job Fair	10/1-7	6a-12m	15-sec	Public Service/Community Calendar event, promoting Community Job Fair on 11/7 from 9 am-3 p.m.
Employment	ACM Job Fair	10/4-10	6a-12m	15-sec	Public Service/Community Calendar event, promoting Manufacturing Job Fair at W. Md. Works Building.
Employment	Jobs That Build	10/28-11/12	6-10 am	2-mins	Closer Look Public Affairs Program, dealing with creating jobs to develop infrastructure in the state. Closer Look runs on Saturday mornings.
Economy	House of the Setting	10/6	7-9pm	2-hrs.	Broadcast/promotion of House of the Setting Sun, a non-Profit Group, helping Disadvantaged Youth in Hampshire County, WV.
Economy	Interfaith Community Food Pantry	11/4	10-12pm	2-hrs	Annual promotion to help stock the shelves for the Interfaith Food Pantry. On-air announcements leading up to the annual Homecoming Game on 11/4. Residents were asked to bring Non-perishable items to the Game for collection.
Economy	Higher Education Cost	11/5-6	6-6:30a	30-min	Viewpoints Public Affairs Program, exploring the rising cost of higher education. Program runs Saturday at 6 a.m. on WFRB-FM, WFRB-AM and WTBO. Runs 6 a.m. on Sundays on WRQE.

Economy	Toys for Happiness	11/14-12/15	6a-12m 15-sec	Toys for Happiness promotion, for toys, gift cards, other gifts for children and teens in the community. On-air announcements, interviews and promotion of Harvest Skate, in conjunction with Toys for Happiness.
Economy	Cram-A-Van	12/6	10a-12p 2-hrs	Annual toy/cash collection at Salisbury-Elk Lick School for less fortunate children of Somerset County, Pa. Forever Media and Big Froggy 105.3 provided a Live on Location broadcast to promote the event.
Economy	Stuff the Truck	12/8	10a-10p 12-hrs	Annual Toy drive for Toys for Happiness featuring a live broadcast throughout the day at Lavale Plaza. Also, promotion on station calendar leading up to the event.
Economy	Scams	1/1-11/12	6a-6:30a 30-mins	Viewpoints Public Affairs Program synopsis: Last year, Americans lost almost nine billion dollars to scams. This is a 30 percent increase from 2021. We discuss what's one of the fastest growing frauds out there and why thousands of people each day are getting tricked. Program runs Saturday at 6 a.m. on WFRB-FM, WFRB-AM and WTBO. Runs 6 a.m. on Sundays on WRQE.
Economy	Child Care Costs	10/28-10/29	6a-6:30a 30-min	Viewpoints Public Affairs program Synopsis: Americans are struggling to bear the extremely large price tag

of early childhood care. In some big cities, parents are paying upwards of \$30,000 per year, per child, for this service. What needs to change to better support families and create an environment that encourages raising healthy children. Program runs Saturday at 6 a.m. on WFRB-FM, WFRB-AM and WTBO. Runs 6 a.m. on Sundays on WRQE.

Economy	Grocery Prices	12/28	6a-9a	30-sec	<p>A report from Consumer Affairs says Pennsylvania had the highest increase in grocery prices over the last year than any other state in the country. The commonwealth reportedly saw more than eight-percent increase this year alone, compared to an average of a five-percent most everywhere else. Consumer Affairs used data from 150-thousand stores in 50 states and D.C. to come up with the numbers. Colorado had the lowest price hike noted.</p>
Economy	Skilled labor shortage	12/18	6a-9a	30=sec	<p>Leaders of a regional trade group say the hardest-to-fill jobs right now are for machinists, toolmakers and maintenance workers. The York Manufacturers' Association says in its annual wage growth survey that jobs for manufacturing workers in Central Pennsylvania grew five percent over the past year. However, the organization's member companies said in a</p>

survey that they're still having trouble finding skilled production workers. A third of them report that even though hiring has bounced back after the pandemic, some of their open jobs are taking more than three months to fill.

Public Health	Joe Howser Memory	10/4-22	6a-12m 15sec	Public service announcements Walk promoting walk on 10/21/23. Held to raise mental health Awareness, and to provide funds for scholarships.
Public Health	Breast Cancer Walk	10/7/23	10a-12p 2-hrs	Coverage of annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk for Allegany County. Also, promotion on station calendar leading up to the event. LOL held at Allegany College of Maryland.
Public Health	Low Literacy Rates	10/28-10/2	6-6:30a 30-min	Viewpoints Public Affairs program Synopsis: Millions of kids are failing to meet reading comprehension standards. With so many young people falling through the cracks, we look at what's broken within the current curriculum and how new research on reading education can lead to some improvements. Education expert Natalie Wexler joins us to share important insights and what parents can also do at home to bolster these skills. Program runs Saturday at 6 a.m. on WFRB-FM, WFRB-AM and WTBO. Runs 6 a.m. on Sundays on WRQE.

Public Health	Influx of Southern Immigrants	10/14-15	6-6:30	30-min	Viewpoints Public Affairs program. Over the last year, hundreds of thousands of migrants seeking asylum have made their way into the U.S. and have been bussed to sanctuary cities across the country. We cover how this large influx is leading to chaos and mass frustration among residents and leaders. Program runs Saturday at 6 a.m. on WFRB-FM, WFRB-and WTBO. Runs 6 a.m. on Sundays on WRQE.
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Public Health	Seasonal Effective Disorder	11/11-11/12	6a-6:30a	30-min	Viewpoints Public Affairs program Experts estimate that about 10 million Americans deal with seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, each year. Interestingly, women are four times more likely to be diagnosed than men. And this number is also thought to be higher than reported since many adults go undiagnosed. We cover just how much SAD (and lesser variations like the winter blues) can affect your life Program runs Saturday at 6 a.m. on WFRB-FM, WFRB-AM and WTBO. Runs 6 a.m. on Sundays on WRQE.
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Community Planning	Traffic Patters Change for Homecoming Game	10/24	6-9a	30-sec	Notice on traffic patterns changing around Greenway Avenue stadium for annual Homecoming game.
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Community Planning	Wellness Complex	12/22	6-9a	30-sec	The county will soon be seeking bids for the construction of the \$2.5 million Outdoor Wellness Complex on Willowbrook Road.
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Community Planning	Hotel corporate headquarters	12/22	6-9a	30-sec	Choice Hotels has picked Maryland for their new corporate headquarters. The project will lead to nearly 400 jobs in Montgomery County	
Community Planning	Enhanced Cellular	12/18/23	6a-9a	30-sec	A portion of the more than one-billion dollars the state will spend on broadband improvements will also be spent on increased mobile service. Many areas of the state have both lousy wired Internet service and cellphone coverage. The money is coming from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act from two years ago.	
Crime	Failing our inmates	12/10	6a-6:30	30-min	Viewpoints Public Affairs Program. Synopsis: So much focus has been placed recently on the importance of rehabilitation while incarcerated. Yet, the meals in served to inmates are often rotten, lacking in nutrients and not enough to sustain them throughout the day. Why aren't U.S. prison systems - which receive billions of dollars in public funding each year - doing better? Program runs Saturday at 6 a.m. on WFRB-FM, WFRB-	

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Sundays on WRQE.

Crime	Copper Theft	12/22	6-9a	30-sec	Several law enforcement agencies are sharing their ongoing efforts to crackdown on the theft of copper wire in West Virginia. Many phone and internet outages have been traced back to stolen copper wire, which is then cashed in at recycle plants. County sheriff offices and police departments are now working together with the Secretary of State's Office to investigate the theft and illegal scrapping.
Crime	Porch Pirate Law	12/21	6-9a	30-sec	People who are caught stealing packages from people's property will soon face stricter fines and jail time. A first offense, where the value of the mail is less than 200-dollars will be considered a summary offense. If the mail is worth more than 200, the crime will be a misdemeanor. A third offense of mail worth more than two-thousand dollars will be a felony. Pennsylvania is now among eight other states that have made porch pirating a felony. The new law goes into effect in 60 days.
Crime	Shootout Sentencing	12/18	6-9a	30-sec	A Hagerstown man is heading to prison for eight years for a shooting in April that left a bystander with multiple gunshot wounds. Prosecutors say 20-year-old Dajor Javon Walden has been sentenced after he pleaded guilty this month to a charge of first degree assault. Walden also pleaded guilty to possession of

an assault weapon and possession of fentanyl with intent to distribute. Attempted murder charges were dropped against Walden as part of the plea deal.