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WVAH - Charleston, WV

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST – 4th Quarter 2023

The following is a list of some of the significant issues responded to by WVAH, Charleston, WV, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the 4th Quarter period, 10/1/2023-12/31/2023. This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

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<p>VET TECH PROGRAM: West Virginia University (WVU) and West Virginia State University(WVSU) will soon offer the state's first four-year veterinary technician program. It's called 'vet-start' West Virginia. It is a joint program between the two universities in partnership with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture.</p>	News	10/11/2023	12:11 pm	59 seconds	West Virginia University (WVU) and West Virginia State University (WVSU) will soon offer the state's first 4-year vet technician program. It's called 'vet-start' West Virginia. It is a joint program between the two universities in partnership with the WV Dept of Agriculture. Local vets say there is a need for this program because there is a shortage of tech's in-state. According to WVU, there are currently fewer than 300 registered veterinary techs and 700 are needed. Right now, if you were interested in becoming a vet-tech, you would have to get your 4-year degree out of state. WVSU president says, "our students are coming to us and they're asking us to prepare them for the jobs of a new economy and this program is just one example of how our institutions of higher education in WV are answering the call in making sure that we are meeting the needs of our students and of our workforce here in the mountain state." Program coordinators say they'll be working with the state legislature to secure funding for the program.
<p>NICHOLAS CO. CHASE SUSPECT: Developing this morning, we're waiting to hear from officials on the name of the man who is accused of hitting a woman with a hammer, causing a deadly car crash and leading police on a chase in Nicholas County.</p>	News	10/13/2023	12:02 pm	45 seconds	Developing this morning, we're waiting to hear from officials on the name of the man who is accused of hitting a woman with a hammer, causing a deadly car crash and leading police on a chase in Nicholas County. A homeland security spokesman says the man stole a truck and crashed it into a woman's yard; When she came outside, he beat her with a hammer, and she was flown to a Charleston hospital. He then drove off from the scene and hit several cars on route 41 killing one person and injuring several others. He then stole a Summersville police car and led Nicholas County deputies and the West Virginia State Police on a chase. He was finally taken into custody once the chase was over.

<p>PUTNAM CO.(POCA) HOSTAGE:</p> <p>A man has been taken into custody following an hours-long standoff in Putnam County. West Virginia State Police say Steven King surrendered around 9:30 last night. . King is being charged with kidnapping, assault on an officer, and terroristic threats along with the warrant deputies had for him.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/24//2023</p>	<p>12:04 pm</p>	<p>45 seconds</p>	<p>A man has been taken into custody following an hours-long standoff in Putnam County. West Virginia State Police say Steven King surrendered around 9:30 last night. Putnam county sheriff Bobby Eggleton says deputies were helping the Kanawha County sheriff's office search for King yesterday. They found him at a home in the Country Road Trailer Park on DuPont Avenue in Poca. Eggleton says King refused to come out and barricaded himself inside of the home for hours. WVSP said King's girlfriend was also in the home at the time, but wasn't hurt. King is being charged with kidnapping, assault on an officer, and terroristic threats along with the warrant deputies had for him.</p>
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<p>PSC PUBLIC COMMENT ON WATER RATE HIKE REQUEST:</p> <p>West Virginia American Water(WVAW) has requested another rate hike and the public service commission(PSC) heard from several people asking them not to grant that request.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">News</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11/03/2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12:09 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">40 seconds</p>	<p>West Virginia American Water(WVAW) has requested another rate hike and the public service commission(PSC) heard from several people asking them not to grant that request. The company is asking for a little more than a 41 million dollar increase in water rates to boost its revenue by 22-point 5 percent. For customers it would mean the average bill would go up about 15 dollars per month. Many customers at the meeting voiced their concerns. Kanawha county officials are against this move saying some customers have seen 15 rate hikes since 2005. The water company claims the reason behind the rate hikes is to address the aging infrastructure.</p>
<p>Kanawha Co Natural Gas Outage:</p> <p>More than one thousand people on Charleston's west side have woken up without natural gas for the fifth day in a row. Crews and contractors from all over West Virginia have been working around the clock to get the area back up and running but Mountaineer Gas is saying it could still take 7 to 10 days.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">News</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11/14/2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12:03 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1 minute and 36 seconds</p>	<p>More than one thousand people on Charleston's west side have woken up without natural gas for the fifth day in a row. Crews and contractors from all over West Virginia have been working around the clock to get the area back up and running but Mountaineer Gas is saying it could still take 7 to 10 days. For many, they are dealing with no heat or hot water or even the ability to use their stove. This started Friday afternoon, when Mountaineer Gas company said water got into the gas lines after a leak. Mountaineer Gas crews have been working all over the west side digging up the blacktop to get to the gas lines underneath. According to West Virginia American Water, the water leak was repaired on Saturday in 11 hours and the boil water advisory was lifted on Sunday. Those in need of food or heating assistance are urged to call the 2-1-1 hotline with the united way between 8am and 4pm. A warming station is available at the WV Black Pride Foundation and hot showers are available at the Martin Luther King Jr and North Charleston Community centers.</p>
<p>KANAWHA CO. CHILD ABUSE ARREST:</p> <p>A 22-year-old woman has been charged with child neglect resulting in injury after deputies responded to a welfare check. Capree Moss was arrested by Charleston police after they responded to the call at Renaissance Circle and found two toddlers covered in bruises and appearing to have been physically harmed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">News</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11/22/2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12:08 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">39 seconds</p>	<p>A 22-year-old woman has been charged with child neglect resulting in injury after deputies responded to a welfare check. According to court documents, Capree Moss was arrested by Charleston police after they responded to the call at Renaissance Circle and found two toddlers, aged one and three, covered in bruises and appearing to have been physically harmed. The children were taken to the hospital where one of them had to be admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU). Investigators say they learned Moss, who is the mother of the toddlers, and her boyfriend, who is under-age and not named in the documents, were the only one's home when the injuries could have occurred. Moss is being held at south central regional jail.</p>

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<p>UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE INFORMATIONAL PICKET: Members of the "American postal workers union" are planning informational pickets after USPS proposed moving the Charleston mail processing center operations to Pennsylvania. Around a hundred union members held their first informational picket outside the post office in downtown Charleston to spread their message quickly.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">News</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12/08/2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12:04 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1 minute and 10 seconds</p>	<p>Members of the "American postal workers union" are planning informational pickets after USPS proposed moving the Charleston mail processing center operations to Pennsylvania. Around 100 union members held their first informational picket outside the post office in downtown Charleston to spread their message quickly. The picket happened just a few weeks after city leaders and the local 133 Union heard the USPS processing center in Charleston is undergoing a mail processing review. State and city leader's sent letters to the postmaster general and union members holding signs reading 'save don't delay' as they work to keep USPS from consolidating. One postal worker stated "we provide an important service to the community. WV, especially is kind of last in a lot of things and if this plant goes out of here, our mail is going to be delayed longer and longer than it already has been." USPS also has a survey link for people to submit comments about Charleston's processing facility.</p>
<p>ALL ELECTRIC BUS DEBUT IN WEST VIRGINIA: Today marks a milestone for the state of West Virginia as the first-ever all-electric school buses will head out of the local manufacturing plant. There will be four buses heading to Kanawha, Cabell, Clay and Monongalia County. Greenpower has completed production of the first group of all-electric, zero-emission school buses in our state.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">News</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12/09/2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12:08 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1 minute and 20 seconds</p>	<p>A milestone for the state of WV, as the first-ever all-electric school buses will head out of the local manufacturing plant. There will be 4 buses heading to Kanawha, Cabell, Clay, and Monongalia County. Greenpower has completed production of the first group of all-electric, zero-emission school buses in our state. These buses are called type A Nano Beast. The Nano Beast has been in production since June. Mark Nestlen, the VP of business development for Greenpower said what separates the Nano Beast from other school buses, is, "these buses have data that's showing these buses cause a behavioral improvement with some of their students with special needs and they said it's because of the quietness of the bus that helps soothe the kids in the morning and got some of their special needs kids to school in a better state of mind ready for the day." The Nano Beast will have seating for up to 18 students and 3 out of 4 of these buses will be wheelchair accessible. Greenpower took possession of an 80,000-square-foot facility back in August of last year and since then, they have been working on the Nano Beast. They also have another bus called the type D Beast.</p>
<p>KANAWHA CO. SCHOOLS ADDING PANIC ALERT SYSTEM: The Kanawha County Board of Education is adding a new emergency system to improve school safety. The board voted unanimously to move forward with a 200-thousand-dollar contract that will include buying and installing panic systems and conversions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">News</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12/22/2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12:10 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">50 seconds</p>	<p>The Kanawha County Board of Education is adding a new emergency system to improve school safety. In the last meeting of 2023, the board voted unanimously to move forward with a 200-thousand-dollar contract that will include buying and installing panic systems and conversions. This is the last piece of their project adding system upgrades to the last round of schools. This will be a necessary update for current systems to help with response time to schools and it'll add a panic alert system. A spokesperson says it adds a layer to the panic alert function that will be available in every office and classroom in Kanawha Co. The contract for the upgrade will be through Mason and Barry Inc. They hope to get it all updated and installed within the next school year.</p>

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<p>Drugs, Covid and Legal Marijuana in the workplace</p>	<p>Straight Talk</p>	<p>10/01</p>	<p>6am/30 minutes</p>	<p>Topic: HOW THE OPIATE EPIDEMIC, COVID PANDEMIC AND NOW THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA IS IMPACTING THE WORKPLACE.”</p> <p>Overview: Companies across the country are severely being impacted by workers who have become addicted to opiates, abused alcohol from working at home during the Pandemic and now legalized marijuana is creating big issues for employers which they have never had to confront. How can companies learn to develop new policies and programs? Straight Talk is fortunate to have James Randisi, a nationally recognized expert working with governments, companies, and unions on how to best address these new issues.</p> <p>Guest: James Randisi National Expert</p>

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Holiday Impaired Driving	Straight Talk	11/05	6am/30 minutes	TOPIC: Driving Under the Influence/Holiday Safety Overview: Segment 1: Driving and Marijuana Use Segment 2: Driving and Marijuana Use Segment 3: Holiday Shopping Safety Guest: Sgt. Thomas Moorehouse Baltimore County Police Department

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Celebrating and Coping during the Holiday for people in recovery	Straight Talk	12/03	6am/30 minutes	<p>TOPIC: Celebrating and coping with the holidays for people in recovery</p> <p>Overview: Discusses how the Holidays can help people who have a problem, and can this be a chance to help people?</p> <p>Guest: Scott Dehorty LCSW-C A private therapist with many years in the field of addictions and mental health</p>

Special Programs

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Food Drive	Live News segments	11/07-18	This drive appeared in all daily newscasts for the duration of the event.	Various	<p style="text-align: center;">“Feeding Families”</p> A food drive with the help of multiple sponsors for less fortunate families struggling to make ends meet. This drive appeared in all daily newscasts for the duration of the event.
Toy Drive	Live News segments	12/04-15	This drive appeared in all daily newscasts for the duration of the event.	Various	<p style="text-align: center;">“Tower of Toys”</p> A food drive with the help of multiple sponsors for less fortunate families struggling to make ends meet.