



QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAM REPORT 3RD QUARTER, 2023

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WESM 91.3 FM
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED NEWS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOWS

3rd Quarter, 2023

- **All Things Considered** (Monday – Friday 4 – 6:30 PM, Saturday 5 – 6 PM): A mix of news, interviews, commentaries, reviews and offbeat features.
- **Latino USA** (Sunday, 1 – 2 PM): A Latino-focused program reporting on Latino news and culture.
- **New Yorker Radio Hour** (Mondays 7-8pm) A weekly news magazine show from WNYC
- **Freakonomics Radio Hour** (Tuesdays, 7-8pm) A weekly news magazine show that explores the hidden side of everything.
- **Marketplace** (Monday – Friday, 6:30 – 7 PM): A daily magazine of business and economics.
- **Morning Edition** (Weekdays, 5 – 9 AM): A morning news magazine with up-to-the-minute news, background analysis, commentary, and coverage of arts and sports.
- **On the Media** (Sunday, 3- 4 PM): A program focused on analyzing the media.
- **Our Body Politic** (Sunday, 10 – 11 AM): Hosted by award-winning journalist Farai Chidaya, each weekly episode focuses on how the latest news and current events affect women of color.
- **Radiolab** (Thursdays, 7-8pm): A show that explores science, philosophy, and human experience.
- **Delmarva Today** (Fridays at Noon): A weekly public affairs show that dives into the issues facing our local region here on the Delmarva Peninsula. Hosted by Don Rush and Bryan Russo.
- **Reveal** (Wednesdays, 7-8pm): A public radio program featuring investigative journalism.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED NEWS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOWS (CONTINUED)

3rd Quarter, 2023

- **Weekend Edition Saturday** (Saturday, 8 – 10 AM): A weekly program that wraps up the week's news and offers a mix of analysis and features on a wide range of topics, including arts, sports, entertainment, and human interest stories.
- **Weekend Edition Sunday** (Sunday, 11 AM – 1 PM): A weekly program featuring interviews with newsmakers, artists, scientists, politicians, musicians, writers, theologians and historians.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

Maryland Folk Festival (Live Radio Broadcast) September 22-24th (2023)

ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE COMMUNITY

3rd Quarter, 2023

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS & FINANCE

The Station considers the topic of business, and related issues, to be of considerable importance to our community. Business can take many forms within the broader economic landscape. From regulation to innovation, business touches all of our lives and continues to be the vital engine that drives growth for our region and our nation.

Global economic trends in the United States and Europe have caused instability in markets around the world, many of which were already weakened from the Great Recession of the recent past. These trends have had a direct impact on the U.S. economy – and consequently the lives of our listeners. WESM 91.3 FM has devoted a significant amount of programming addressing the issues of the economy and finance -- including topics related to housing, banking and monetary policy.

Poverty and economic inequality historically play a disproportionate role in rural and agricultural areas – including a large portion of the region served by WESM 91.3 FM.

EDUCATION

WESM 91.3 FM broadcasts programming that highlights the successes and failures of the educational system in the United States. We believe both public education and higher education to be topics of importance to our listeners, and an important community issue which we are addressing via this programming.

IMMIGRATION & REFUGEES

Immigration continues to be another important topic of public discourse. The continuing political discourse on immigration has far-reaching effects in every part of the country, including the areas served by WESM 91.3 FM.

RACE & CULTURE

Given the large numbers of minority groups that live and work in the Eastern Shore region, as well as surrounding areas, WESM 91.3 FM remains committed to addressing topics of concern to under-represented minority groups. The Station has striven to provide this coverage by offering programming that highlights issues that directly affect minority groups in the U.S.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

The local communities of the Delmarva Peninsula have, in some cases, chronic illnesses that rate higher than the national average.

STORY LIST 7-1-23 TO 9-30-23

9-28-23 Interview by Don Rush with Tim Wheeler, associate editor and senior writer for the Bay Journal on impact of recent Supreme Court Decision limiting federal author over wetlands streams (4:00)

9-27-23 Interview by Don Rush with Ilyana Kadushing and James Harrell on new program “Waterways to Airwaves” examining local environmental groups. (4:00)

9-26-23 Interview by host Don Rush talks with Elizabeth Laird, Director of Equity in Civic Technology at the Center for Democracy and Technology about their latest findings on students and computer surveillance by school authorities. (4:00)

9-25-23 Feature by Don Rush on the first annual Maryland Folk Festival in Salisbury (4:00)

9-21-23 Essay: Former Salisbury political science professor Michael O’Loughlin on financial scandals at the U.S. Supreme Court. (4:00)

9-20-23 Feature by Bryan Russo on Famed blues artist Deanna Bogart makes her appearance at the Snow Hill Blue Jam this weekend. (4:00)

9-20-23 Interview by Don Rush with Salisbury mayoral candidate Jermichael Mitchell (4:00)

9-19-23 Feature by Peter Solomon on Ken & Brad Kolodner Featured at Maryland Folk Festival (4:00)

9-18-23 Interview by Don Rush with Bay Journal associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler on Virginia expenditures on environment. (4:00)

9-15-23 Feature by Don Rush on parking question for the redevelopment of downtown Salisbury – Part 3. (4:00)

9-14-23 Feature by Don Rush on city incentives for Salisbury downtown development plants – Part 2. (4:00)

9-13-23 Feature by Don Rush on redevelopment plants for downtown Salisbury – Part 1 (4:00)

9-11-23 Interview by Don Rush with Bay Journal editor-at-large Karl Blankenship assessment of progress in restoring the Chesapeake Bay

(4:00)

9-8-23 Interview by Don Rush with Bay Journal Staff writer Jeremy Cox on recent die off of oysters at Virginia aquafarms (4:00)

9-7-23 Interview by Don Rush with outgoing president Muir Boda on his time on the council. (4:00)

9-6-23 Interview by Don Rush with Wicomico County NAACP branch president Monica Brooks on need for Salisbury to apology for 1931 lynching of Matthew Williams (4:00)

9-5-23 Interview by Don Rush with Tom Kamer, executive director of AARP's Older Adults Technology Services on ways for seniors to prepare for hurricane season. (4:00)

9-1-23 Essay by former political science professor Michael O'Loughlin on Trump trials. (4:00)

8-31-23 Feature by Bryan Russo on Famed Jazz singer Allan Harris is known for his deep baritone voice. (4:00)

8-30-23 Talking Books Segment with Michele Anstine reviews Jasmine Brown's book, "Twice as Hard." (4:00)

8-29-23 Interview by Don Rush with Bay Journal staff writer Jeremy Cox on barriers for Mid-Bay Islands (4:00)

8-28-23 Interview by Don Rush with David Schenck on his new book, "Into the Field of Suffering" (4:00)

8-23 Interview by Don Rush with former Salisbury Mayor Jake Day on decision by Jack Heath to withdraw from mayoral race. (4:00)

8-23-23 Interview by Don Rush with Council President Muir Boda on Jack Heath's decision on to run for Mayor. (4:00)

8-22-23 Interview by Susan Canfora with Maryland First Lady at state conference. (4:00)

8-21-23 Interview by Don Rush with Bay Journal associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler harvesting of menhaden restrictions. (4:00)

8-21-23 Feature by Angela Semig on Mama Duck arrival at Crisfield (4:00)

8-17-23 Interview by Don Rush with East Coast Sports writer Mike Lurie on Michael Oher dispute from the film "Blindside" (4:00)

8-16-23 Interview by Don Rush with Bay Journal Staff writer Jeremy Cox on Maryland State Supreme Court decision on ammonia and chicken houses. (4:00)

8-15-23 Feature by Bryan Russo with Bill Medley from the Righteous Brothers on his life and music. (4:00)

8-14-23 Interview by Don Rush with Bay Journal associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler on decision by Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to extend 31 inch limit on striped bass. (4:00)

8-11-23 Essay by former Salisbury University political science professor Michael O'Loughlin on Trump indictment. (4:00)

8-10-23 Feature by Bryan Russo on founder of The Chamber Music by the Sea Festival Elena Urioste. (4:00)

8-9-23 Feature by Peter Solomon Interview with Father and son team of Ken and Brad Kolodner, who specialize in hammered dulcimer and clawhammer banjo and will perform at the Maryland Folk Festival in September.(4:00)

8-8-23 Feature by Brian Shane on KT Tuminello's recent showcase of his work in Salisbury reveals the psychological and physiological benefits of art as he battles a rare form of brain cancer. (4:00)

8-7-23 Interview by Don Rush with Amber McReynolds, a former election official and who is now with Issue One: Faces of Democracy Project, about how election workers are coping with threats. (4:00)

8-3-23 Interview by Don Rush with Amy Leitman, president of the nonprofit NTM Info and Research group about respiratory infections. (4:00)

8-3-23 Interview by Don Rush with Bay Journal staff writer Whitney Pipkin on water runoff from solar farms. (4:00)

8-2-23 Interview by Don Rush with Salisbury Mayor Jack Heath on demands for apology from Salisbury for the 1931 lynching of Matthew Williams. (4:00)

8-1-23 Feature/interview by Don Rush with reporter Steve Plotkin on launch of Wallops resupply mission to the International Space Station. (3:20)

7-31-23 Interview by Don Rush with County Health Officer Matthew McConaughy about what precautions people should take and when the county opens the cooling stations seeking relief from the heat. (4:00)

7-28-23 Feature by Brian Shane on Robert Chandler known as DJ Wax on his battle with cancer. (4:00)

7-27-23 Interview by Don Rush with Monica Brooke, president of the Wicomico County Branch of the NAACP expressed frustration over the Salisbury lynching apology issue. (4:00)

7-26-23 Feature by Angela Semig on struggling music scene in downtown Salisbury. (4:00)

7-25-23 Interview by Don Rush with East Coast Sports writer Mike Lurie on new owner of the Commanders football team. (4:00)

7-24-23 Interview by Don Rush with Bay Journal associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler on forever chemicals found near Cecil County. (4:00)

7-19-23 Feature by Brian Shane on a group that is turning leftovers into compost. (4:00)

7-18-23 Interview by Don Rush with Tim Wheeler, associate editor and senior writer for the Bay Journal on expansion of underwater grasses. (4:00)

7-17-23 Interview by Don Rush with Delegate Sharee Sample-Hughes on local mass shooting. (4:00)

7-17-23 Interview by Don Rush with Reverend Lewis Watson on local mass shooting. (4:00)

7-13-23 Interview by Don Rush with Chris Economides, commissioner of Major Arena Soccer League 2 and 3 about plans for a team in Salisbury. (4:00)

7-12-23 Interview by Don Rush with Monica Gordy Polizzi will become Salisbury University's new Director of Athletics and Campus Recreation this month. (4:00)

7-11-23 Interview by Don Rush with Len Lazarick, founder of marylandreporter.com on who will replace Senator Ben Cardin who is retiring. (4:00)

7-10-23 Interview by Don Rush with Tim Wheeler, associate editor and senior writer for the Bay Journal on uncertainty over bumper crop of oysters in the Bay. (4:00)

7-7-23 Interview by Don Rush with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent on Salisbury mass shooting. (4:00)

7-6-23 Interview by Don Rush with Bay Journal staff writer Jeremy Cox on smallest recorded dead zone in Bay since the mid-1980's.(4:00)

7-5-23 Feature by Brian Shane on Ocean City reaction of legalization of recreational cannabis. (4:00)

Delmarva Today (Airs Fridays at Noon)

Delmarva Today is our weekly hour long public affairs show that focuses on local issues and people

Delmarva Today 7-1-23 – 9-30-23

9-29-23 Delmarva Today (Part 3) Hot Don Rush interviews Ilyana Kadushin and James Harrell on their new program “Waterways to Airwaves” exploring local way local communities are trying to improve the environment. (26:00)

9-29-23 Delmarva Today (Part 2) Host Don Rush talks with Joan M. E. Gaither on her quilting display of African American history at the Maryland Folk Festival. (16:00)

9-29-23 Delmarva Today (Part 1) Host Don Rush talks with Susan Canfora, Coastal Point reporter on poultry child labor violations and other news (15:50)

9-22-23 Delmarva Today (Part 1) Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point about Maryland Folk Festival, dispute over Salisbury apology for lynching and Selbyville gearing up economic growth among other issues. (12:00)

9-22-23 Delmarva Today (Part 2) Host Don Rush talks with Salisbury mayoral candidate Jermichael Mitchell (35:00)

9-22-23 Delmarva Today (Part 3) host Bryan Russo talks with artist Patrick Henry on his exhibition of historical photos of Phillips processing plant (12:00)

9-15-23 Delmarva Today (Part 1) Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point on Salisbury violation of open meetings act and Lt. Gov. Bethany Hall-Long on bid for governor of Delaware. (16:00)

9-15-23 Delmarva Today (Part 2) Don Rush talks with Joanne Guilfoil on her new book “Chickens on Delmarva: 100 Years of Backyard Flocks, Farms and Fiends” (32:00)

9-8-23 Delmarva Today (Part 1) Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point on change in leadership at Salisbury city council and Delaware towns dealing with legalization of recreational cannabis (20:00)

9-8-23 Delmarva Today (Part 2) Host Don Rush talks with outgoing Salisbury City Council president Muir Boda about his time on the council (19:00)

9-8-23 Delmarva Today (Part 3) Host Don rush talks with former Mayor Jake Day and developer Brad Gillis on redevelopment of downtown Salisbury. (19:00)

9-1-23 Delmarva Today (Part 1) Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point on visit by Governor Wes Moore, departure of Muir Boda as president of the Salisbury City Council. (13:00)

9-1-23 Delmarva Today (Part 2) Host Bryan Russo talks with Ocean City manager Terry McGean on preparations for hurricane season. (14:00)

9-1-23 Delmarva Today (Part 3) Host Peter Solomon has this portrait of legendary Boogie Woogie piano player Daryl Davis about his music and his efforts to reach out to KKK members. Davis will be featured at the Maryland Folk Festival this month.(18:00)

9-1-23 Delmarva Today (Part 4) Host Don Rush talks with David Schenck about his new book, “Into the Field of Suffering: Finding the Other

Side of Burnout." (12:20)

8-25-23 Delmarva Today (Part 3) Host Bryan Russo with Salisbury University professor Tim Stock on philosophy program for prisoners at the Eastern Correctional Institution. (19:00)

8-25-23 Delmarva Today (Part 1) Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager for Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point on Jack Heath's decision not to run for mayor, Maryland First Lady makes appearance at state conference, etc. (14-00)

8-25-23 Delmarva Today (Part 2) Host Don Rush talks with Salisbury City Council member Megan Outten in her bid for Mayor. (17-30)

8-25-23 Delmarva Today (Part 3) Host Don Rush talks with Steve Green, publisher and editor of the Maryland Coast Dispatch on Gavin Knupp hit-and-run case, (8:00)

8-23-23 Interview by host Don Rush with Steve Green, publisher and editor the Maryland Coast Dispatch on Gavin Knupp hit-and-run case. (4:00)

8-18-23 Delmarva Today (Part 1) Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager fo the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point on Wicomico County Council fight with county executive. (18:00).

8-18-23 Delmarva Today (Part 2) Host Bryan Russo talks with prisoners, students and professor on Salisbury University philosophy program for inmates at the Eastern Correctional Institution. (22:00)

8-11-23 Delmarva Today (Part 3) Host Don Rush talks with psychiatrist Robert Okin and his portrait on homeless in his new book, "Silent Voices: People with Mental Disorders on the Street." (32:00)

8-11-23 Delmarva Today (Part 1) host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point on rapid economic growth of Selbyville. (16:42)

8-11-23 Delmarva Today (Part 2) Host Don Rush talks with Bay Journal Staff writer Jeremy Cox on new Maryland Secretary of the Environment Serena Mcllwain. (9:30)

8-4-23 Delmarva Today (Part 1) Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point Wallops resupply mission to the International Space Station, Wicomico County Executive takes council to court, etc. (20:00)

8-4-23 Delmarva Today (Part 2) Host Don Rush talks with Salisbury Mayor Jack Heath about criticism from racial unity group over apology for 1931 lynching of Matthew Williams (7:50)

8-4-23 Delmarva Today (Part 3) Host Don Rush talks with Jane Spinak, author of new book entitled, "The End of Family court" How Abolishing the Court Brings Justice to Children and Families." (30:00)

7-28-23 Delmarva Today (Part 3) Don Rush talks with Wicomico County NAACP Branch President Monica Brooks on demands for apology by Salisbury for 1931 lynching of Matthew Williams (30:00)]

7-28-23 Delmarva Today (Part 2) Host Don Rush talks with Steve Green, publisher and editor of the Maryland Coast Dispatch on sale of the Black-eyed Susan River Boat. (12:30)

7-28-23 Delmarva Today (Part 1) Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, reporter Coastal Point on annual Pony Swim, Delaware Lt. Governor race. (15:15)

7-21-23 Delmarva Today (Part 3) Host Don Rush talks with Carolyn O'Hare, local manager of the Maryland Folk Festival about music lineup. (26:23)

7-21-23 Delmarva Today (Part 1) Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager for the Salisbury Independen on clash between Wicomico County Executive and Council over appointments. (23:00)

7-21-23 Delmarva Today (Part 2) Host Don Rush talks with Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point on Selbyville flooding and candidacy of Lt. Gov. Bethany Hall-Long. (9:30)

7-14-23 Delmarva Today (Part 1) Host Don Rush talks with Steve Green, publisher and editor of the Maryland Coastal Dispatch on vaping incident and use of force by police. (14:00)

7-14-23 Delmarva Today (Part 2) Host Don Rush talks with Caroline O'Hare on musical lineup for Maryland Folk Festival. (28-23)

7-14-23 Delmarva Today (Part 3) Host Don Rush talks with Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point on sentencing of Austin Davidson and portrait of news anchor Hannah Cechini.(8:00)

7-14-23 Delmarva Today (Part 4) Host Don Rush talks with Brian Shane about revenues from sale of recreational cannabis. (8:10)