

## October 11, 2023 - January 1, 2024

**WMMT Issues/Programs lists** (as required by 73.3526(e)(11)(i), 73.3527(e)(8)) (retain until final action taken on the station's next license renewal application). These are quarterly lists prepared by stations of programs they aired during the preceding quarter that provided the stations' most significant treatment of community issues.

- **2023, Quarter 4**

1. Considerations for ATV Trails; December 28, 2023; 50 minutes; 6:00PM; WMMT's flagship public affairs show covered ecotourism and ATV trails— a popular solution to the economic impact of decreasing coal employment. However, ATV trails should be built with the environment in mind. We speak with Wally Smith, a local herpetofauna expert and Vice President of The Clinch Coalition, and Robert Beanblossom, a retired forest ranger and active environmentalist, about the impacts of unsustainable ATV trails and ways we, riders and builders, can be more mindful.
2. Will Silica Dust Rules Help Prevent Black Lung?; October 5, 2023; 58 minutes; 6:00PM; In this episode of Mountain Talk, WMMT's flagship public affairs show, we welcome two special guests to the WMMT studio to talk about the proposed rules, how they might work if they are adopted as-is, and, perhaps most importantly, how \*well\* they might work. Host Parker Hobson speaks with Courtney Rhoades Mullins, Black Lung Organizer at the Appalachian Citizens' Law Center in Whitesburg, Ky., and William J. McCool, a retired coal miner from Letcher County, who has some 40 years' experience in the mines.
3. The Future of Healthcare in Appalachia; December 21, 2023; 56 minutes; 6:00PM; An upcoming potential change in policy could result in a rise in private medical facilities within Eastern Kentucky. Appalshop's Madison Buchanan spoke with Dalton Hatfield, Director of External Affairs at ARH, to discuss what this change could mean and how it may affect our communities.
4. Revisiting the Proposed Kentucky Power Rate Hike; December 14, 2023; 25 minutes; 6:00PM; Appalachian Citizen's Law Center staffer Amethyst Muncy joined us on WMMT's Mountain Talk to explain more about the proposed settlement between Kentucky Power and multiple citizen interest groups.
5. Health Holiday Eating, School Consolidation in the Mountains; December 7, 2023; 35 minutes; 6:00PM; We begin this edition of Mountain Talk with some tips and tricks from an expert about navigating those holiday meals. Tami Ross is a Registered Dietitian from the University of Kentucky's Barnstable Brown Diabetes Center, and she spoke to WMMT by phone back in 2021. In the 1960's, a wave of consolidation swept across the region, after new federal funding that was up for grabs accelerated the trend away from smaller schools spread all across mountain counties, and towards new, larger schools concentrated in bigger towns. In a story from the

WMMT archives, which first aired in 1993, Maxine Kenny reports about this unique time in the history of mountain education.