

2020 Q4: October 11 – January 10, 2021

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.

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1. Black Lives Matter in Appalachia; November 16, 2020; 7 minutes; The population of Appalachia, like most of rural America, is more diverse than many people realize. And the recent support for racial justice has been larger than many expected. When Joseph Palumbo signed on to help organize a Black Lives Matter march in his Eastern Kentucky hometown of Hazard, he figured 50 people would show up. The peaceful event drew about 10 times that amount. The unexpectedly strong response to this and similar events across Appalachia is changing attitudes, including Palumbo's, about what's possible in small towns across rural America. Tim Marema from The Daily Yonder interviewed Palumbo, who is 33 years old, about the march in June and civic activities that are growing out of it. See a video of this interview here. (aired as part of Making Connections News).
2. Preventing Diabetes during COVID; October 19, 2020; 13 minutes; With COVID-19 spreading into our communities it is more important than ever to take steps to prevent diabetes. Health care providers have found that type 2 diabetes is one of several underlying conditions that can make the symptoms of COVID-19 more severe and potentially deadly. In this story we meet Marilyn Morgan, of Johnson County, and Connie Godsey Duvall, of Cumberland County, two eastern Kentuckians who, despite the difficulties posed by the pandemic, are meeting the challenge of preventing type 2 diabetes head-on. Both have been participating in their local version of the National Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), and both say the program has helped them not just lose weight, but also keep it off. Also featured is Mary Beth Castle, DPP Lifestyle Coach at the Johnson County Health Department, who speaks about her efforts to guide participants through the DPP process online amidst the unique circumstances of a worldwide pandemic.
3. A Model For Worker Training; December 7, 2020; 8 minutes; Brandon Dennison, CEO of the Coalfield Development Corporation in southern West Virginia, contributed his organization's successful model of a wholistic worker training program to the National Economic Transition or (NET) platform, which was released by the Just Transition Fund in June of 2020. In this report, the Just Transition Fund's Heidi Binko describes the goals

of the NET Platform while Denison shares the training, education and job creation approach his organization is using to put people to work in central Appalachia.