

WMMT Community Affairs Log

January - March, 2013

The Following programming was produced at WMMT, by station staff except as noted

January 3, 1800 8min41sec

News feature on a report on a new study of tax policy in southwest Virginia. The study was released by the West Virginia-based research firm Downstream Strategies, and suggests that, on aggregate, the coal industry has been costing southwest Virginia more than it has been putting back into its economy. In this report, we hear from researcher Rory McIlmoil.

January 3, 1810 11min31sec

An interview with a Letcher County coal miner as he confronts hard times in the industry

January 9, 1800 57min

A live talk show featuring reporter John Cheeves discussing the legacy of Letcher County author Harry Caudill on the 50th anniversary of his watershed book *Night Comes to the Cumberlands*. Cheeves is co-authoring a 5-part series on Caudill featured in the Lexington *Herald-Leader* to mark the anniversary, and in this program he sits down with host Rich Kirby for an hour of discussion, stories, remembrances, and analysis of Caudill's life, work, and beliefs, in addition to an examination of how Appalachia—the region to which Caudill brought so much national attention—has changed since *Night* was first published in 1963.

January 17, 1800 9min45sec

A news features on Vicco, Kentucky, population 334. In January, 2013, Vicco became the smallest municipality in the country to enact an anti-discrimination Fairness Ordinance. This ordinance protects the rights of all citizens of Vicco against discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. This is the first ordinance of its kind in Kentucky in nearly a decade, and Vicco joins Louisville, Lexington, and Covington as the only four cities in the state to have enacted such an ordinance.

February 14, 1800 5min52sec

A news feature on the future of landline phone service in Kentucky. On February 14th, the Kentucky Senate voted 24-13 to pass Senate Bill 88, a bill that would have far-reaching consequences for landline phone service in the state, especially in Kentucky's rural areas. Specifically, SB 88 would de-regulate landline service across the state, making it so that large companies would no longer be required to provide new landline service or maintain existing landlines. WMMT's Sylvia Ryerson has the story of what this could mean for Kentuckians both here in the mountains and across the state.

March 13, 1800 57min

An hour-long discussion focusing on the Appalachia Funders Network, an effort led by public and private grantmakers to learn about and leverage support for the work being done in the region to build a healthy entrepreneurial economy.

March 28, 1800 8min38sec

A radio piece aired in honor of March being Women's History Month, a collection of audio clips from the award-winning 1982 Appalshop film *Coalmining Women*.