

WCHG Most Significant Issues 2nd Quarter – April Through June 2014

We aired national news broadcasts from NPR News at the top of each hour during our Morning Drive (6-10 a.m.) and Evening Drive (3-6 p.m.) as well as at the beginning and end of our Noon Hour Magazine (12 and 1 p.m.). At the bottom of each hour during the Morning and Evening Drive-times, we alternated airing state news reports from the Virginia News Network (VNN) and WV Metro News. VNN news also aired at 12:30, during Noon Hour Magazine, and WV Metro News aired at 12:55. These programs run Monday through Friday. We also carried NPR National News at Noon on Saturday and Sunday. Our local news stories aired after NPR News at the beginning of Noon Hour Magazine. They would then repeat at the top and bottom of each hour during the Evening Drive and the following day's Morning Drive. Here is a summary of the most significant issues covered in our local news this quarter.

County Government

We aired reports from each Bath County Board of Supervisors meeting, and we aired an agenda for each meeting the day before. Board of Supervisors reports this quarter aired on 4-14 (proposed personal tax increase), 4-24 (personal prop tax), 5-1 (budget hearing), 5-14 (budget approval), 5-15 (contracts for solid waste), 6-18, and 6-24.

We air periodic updates from Bruce McWilliams, the Chairman of the Bath Board of Supervisors. This quarter, these reports aired on 5-2.

We air periodic reports from town hall meetings hosted by the Bath Board of Supervisors. The meetings are an open forum for residents of Bath to bring their concerns before the board. During this quarter, these meetings aired on

On 4-1, we aired a story about corrections from the Bath treasurer's office on a previously released report.

On 4-21 we aired a story about a meeting of the Bath local emergency planning committee and concerns about delayed responses in emergency situations.

Court /Crime

On 4-15, we aired a report about a suspicious fire being investigated by the Bath county sheriff's department.

On 5-19 we aired a story about Virginia state senator Creigh Deeds lawsuit against Rockbridge community services. Rockbridge failed to secure a spot in a psychiatric unit for Deed's son Gus when Gus was placed on a temporary psychiatric hold for 6 hours, due to threats made by Gus to hurt himself or others. Psychiatric beds were available, but Rockbridge did not get a spot for Gus before the temporary hold expired.

Gus attacked his father the following day, critically wounding Creigh before taking his own life.

Election Stories

On 5-7 we aired a story about elections changes in Virginia instituted by the General Assembly.

News Briefs

Education and Children

We cover the meetings of the Bath Co School Board. During this quarter, these reports ran on 4-7 (8th grade spelling bee), 5-8, 6-5, 6-6, and 6-25 (closeout).

On 4-3, we aired a feature about author Lisa Harris performing a reading from her new book at the Bath county library.

Agriculture and Environment

Each day, during Noon Hour Magazine, we aired a regionally-produced three-minute news magazine feature about topics related to agriculture. Agriculture is a major industry in our listening area, and being produced in the Shenandoah Valley, On the Farm Radio, is relevant to our listeners.

We air periodic reports from Patrick Sheridan, District Ranger for the Warm Springs District of the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest. This quarter, these stories aired on 4-15, 4-29, and 6-20 (pipeline).

On 4-16, we aired a story about continued efforts working towards restoration of the Cowpasture River watershed.

Community

On 4-2, we aired a story about plans for the 2014 Bath County farmers market.

On 4-30 we aired a story about Senior Law Day, a day long series of seminars devoted to legal issues faced by senior citizens.

On 5-20 we aired a story about a grocery giveaway to help those in need in Bath county.

On 6-9 we aired a story about the annual Bath county triathlon, also known as

“Moomaw Madness” that brings hundreds of competitors to the county each year.

People

Jobs and Development

On 4-17, we aired a story about discussions between BARC electric cooperative and the Millboro Preservation Cultural Association for expanded parking facilities for the coop. We aired follow up stories 4-25, 5-29

On 6-11 we aired a story about the new director for the Bath Chamber of Commerce.

Arts and Culture

On 4-7, we aired a story about the Lost and Found bluegrass band, the group that is headlining the annual Bluegrass Jamboree, a fundraiser for Allegheny Mountain Radio.

On 5-14, we aired a story about an organ recital at St. Lukes Episcopal church in Hot Springs to celebrate the installation of a new organ.

On 6-19 we aired a story about a series of music concerts that will take place in downtown Hot Springs on Friday's during the summer months. The concerts are free and open to the public and are sponsored by the Omni Homestead resort.

Public Service Announcements

Below is a list of Public Service Announcements aired this quarter:

Education and Children

Health and Human Resources

Homestead Blood Drive 5-5 thru 5-17

Benefits and Fundraisers

Richard – Fundraiser follow up	5-2 thru 5-19
Erin – Fundraiser follow up	5-2 thru 5-19
Sue – Fundraiser follow up	5-2 thru 5-19
Heather – Fundraiser follow up	5-2 thru 5-19
Pickin and Grinnin' Relay for Life	5-6 thru 5-23
Pickin' and Grinnin' To Beat Cancer	6-12 thru 6-27

Art, Culture, and Recreation

Garth Newel Blues and Jazz Fest

6-4 thru 6-15