

WCHG Most Significant Issues 1st Quarter – January through March 2019

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 1-10, 1-11, 2-18, and 3-15.

Court /Crime/Breaking News

Election Stories

Education and Children

We cover the meetings of the Bath Co School Board. During this quarter, these reports ran on 1-4, 2-8, 3-1, and 3-13.

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 began airing a series of stories about a proposed natural gas pipeline that would travel through parts of Pocahontas and Highland Counties, on a path that would take the pipeline from the shale fields of northern West Virginia through Virginia with the terminus of the pipeline in western North Carolina. A change in the pipeline route during this quarter now also includes parts of Bath County. During this quarter, these stories covering events in all three counties ran on 1-25 (Allegheny Blue Ridge Alliance meeting), and 2-27 (4th Circuit court ACP denial).

We air periodic reports from the Warm Springs District Ranger for the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest. During this quarter these reports aired on 2-1, 2-5, and 3-22.

Community

On 1-17 we aired a story about a new location for the Millboro Health clinic.

On 2-12 and 2-13 we aired a two part story about how to be a Fearless Consumer and how to protect your financial health.

On 2-21, we aired a story about a new heart health program at Bath Community Hospital.

On 2-25, we aired a story about the first in a series of salon discussions hosted by the Bath County public library about a wide range of interesting topics from growing local foods to exploring the implications of the Black Plague in Europe.

On 3-1, we aired an interview with Kari Lightner with Safehome Systems, a non-profit dedicated to providing advice on safety and healthy living.

People

On 1-28 and 1-29 we aired a two part story about Jason Rowe, a dj at the WCHG station.

On 3-20, we aired a story about an upcoming Town Hall meeting with Congressman Ben Cline who won the seat of retiring long time congressman Bob Goodlatte.

On 3/26 and 3/27, we aired a two part story about the Town Hall meeting with Congressman Ben Cline.

Jobs and Development

On 1-2 we aired a story about the Victorian Inn which recently reopened under new management.

Arts and Culture

On 2-22 we aired a story about a visit to Millboro Elementary school by the artists from the Garth Newel Music center.

Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

Bath Library Salon Series 1-25 thru 2-5

Health and Human Resources

National Stalker Awareness Month 1-2 thru 1-31
Teen Dating Violence Awareness 1-25 thru 2-28

Benefits and Fundraisers

Art, Culture, and Recreation