

WCHG Most Significant Issues 3rd Quarter – July through September 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 7/11, 8/16, and 9/12.

Court /Crime/Breaking News

On 9/13 we aired a story about a local student in Bath County who was struck and unfortunately killed by lightning.

Election Stories

Education and Children

We air periodic reports about the meetings of the Bath School Board. During this quarter these reports aired on 9/5.

On 8/24 we aired a story about the merger of the Allegheny and City of Covington school systems.

On 9/16 we aired a story about a food bank being offered through Dabney Lancaster Community College.

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 7/30 (rejection of fish

and wildlife permit for the ACP.

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 7/1, 7/2, 8/19, 8/20, 9/23, and 9/24.

On 7/10, we aired a story about breakthroughs in the treatment of Lyme disease carried by ticks native to our region.

On 8/6 we aired a story about growing hemp in Virginia.

Community

On 7/17, we aired a story about an upcoming fundraiser for the Bath County rescue squad.

People

Jobs and Development

On 7/4 we aired a story about the progress of improving access to high speed broadband in our rural region.

On 7/29 we aired a story about a potential for a minimum wage increase in Virginia.

On 9/18 we aired a story about a @25,000.00 Virginia Tourism Corporation grant awarded to the Bath County Office of Tourism by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam.

Arts and Culture

Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

Health and Human Resources

Bath Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forum 9/25 thru 10/23

Benefits and Fundraisers

Art, Culture, and Recreation

Bath Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic 9/25 thru 10/13
Fall Foliage Festival 9/16 thru 10/12