

WCHG Most Significant Issues October through December 2023

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 10/13 (Grant for EMS), 11/28 (staggered terms), 12/18, and 12/21 (emergency communications grant).

On 12/27, we aired a story about new laws going into effect in Virginia as of January 1st, 2024.

Court /Crime/Breaking News/Legislative Updates

On 7/12, we aired a story about a Bath County man killed in an officer-related shooting.

Elections

On 10/23, we aired a story about a polling change for Warm Springs.

On 11/8, we reported the results of state and local elections held in Bath and Highland counties.

Education and Children

We air periodic reports about the meetings of the Bath School Board. During this quarter these reports aired on 10/9.

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.

Community

On 10/27, we aired a story about the upcoming health fair at Bath Community hospital.

On 11/9, we aired a story about expanded transportation for seniors being offered in Bath County by the Valley Program for Aging Services or VPAS.

On 12/4, we aired a story about a drug drop off box recently established at the Bath County courthouse where residents can drop off unwanted or outdated prescription drugs for proper disposal.

People

On 12/15, we aired a story about Jessica Perkins, a Family Nurse Practitioner who recently join the Bath Community Hospital staff in Hot Springs.

Jobs and Development

On 10/17 and 10/18, we aired a two-part story about updates to Ingells Field airport in Bath County, including extensive renovations to the airport terminal.

Arts and Culture

On 11/20, we aired a story about a program to increase outreach to the community by the Bath County Arts Association to increase the number of art classes being offered and the number of students partaking of those classes.

Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

Virginia State Police Bath Co – Buckle Up	Ongoing
Virginia State Police Bath Co – Distracted Driving	Ongoing
CPB Funding Threats	7/20 - ongoing

Health and Human Resources

BARC Electric Scam Warning	Ongoing
VPAS Open Enrollment	9/29 – 12/7
VPAS Bath Transportation for Seniors	11/16 - Ongoing

Benefits and Fundraisers

Bath Community Thanksgiving Dinner	10/30 – 11/21
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Art, Culture, and Recreation

Allegheny Mountain Radio App	Ongoing
GWJNF Stay Alert to Wildfires	11/20 – 12/15
GWJNF Protect Your Home	11/20 – 12/15