

WCHG Most Significant Issues 2nd Quarter – April through June 2020

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 4/16 (transient tax), 4/17 (small business grant), 5/15 (tax increase), 5/18, 6/1 (emergency grant application), 6/11, 6/15, and 6/19 (budget).

On 4/21, we aired a story about a Town Hall meeting with Representative Ben Cline, who represents both Bath and Highland Counties in the US Congress.

Court /Crime/Breaking News

Election Stories

Education and Children

We air periodic reports about the meetings of the Bath School Board. During this quarter these reports aired on 5/8, 6/4, 6/17, 6/24 and 6/26.

On 5/1, we aired an interview with Bath County Schools Superintendent Sue Hirsch about how students and teachers are adjusting to online learning because of the pandemic.

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 6/16 (Supreme Ct okays

pipeline to cross Appalachian Trail).

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 4/24, 4/28, 6/2, 6/3,

On 4/2, we aired a story about additional closures imposed in the Monongahela and George Washington National Forests due to COVID-19 concerns.

On 4/22, we aired a report about the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

Community

On 5/2, we aired a story about electronic benefit transfer cards being sent to Bath and Highland families to help with food purchases while people are out of work due to the pandemic.

People

Jobs and Development

On 6/30, we aired a story about the reopening of the Omni Homestead hotel in Hot Springs.

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 Community Hospital Visitor restrictions	4/1 thru 6/30
Bath Community Hospital – Prep for COVID-19	4/1 thru 6/30
Virginia Stay at Home Order	4/7 thru 6/4
Virginia Face Mask Requirement	5/26 thru 6/30
Virginia Phase Two Guidelines	6/4 thru 6/30

Benefits and Fundraisers

Art, Culture, and Recreation

AMR No Volunteer Programming

3/25 thru 5/17