

WCHG Most Significant Issues 3rd Quarter – July through September 2016

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 7/15, 8/11, 8/12, and 9/15.

We air periodic updates from the Chairman of the Bath Board of Supervisors. This quarter, these reports aired on 9/13.

On 9/21 and 9/23 we aired stories about county resident reactions to the Board of Supervisors striking the Director of Tourism position from the county budget without prior notice. The action was taken during the September 13th Board of Supervisors meeting.

Court /Crime/Breaking News

On 8/30, we reported about a man involved in a standoff with police at Lake Moomaw in Bath County. The situation was eventually resolved and the suspect arrested without further incident.

On 9/23, we aired a story about a sitting member of the Bath Board of Supervisors who has been charged with multiple felonies related to election filings. Supervisor Stuart Hall was indicted by a grand jury on counts of false statements on election forms and perjury.

Election Stories

Education and Children

We cover the meetings of the Bath Co School Board. During this quarter, these reports ran on 8/4, and 9/9.

On 9/29, we aired a story about the Bath County HS Charger marching band and the successful marching season they are having so far.

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 both Pocahontas and Highland Counties ran on 8/23, 8/31, 9/7, 9/19, and 9/22.

On 7/21 and 7/22, we aired a two part interview with Warm Springs District Ranger Elizabeth McNichols about events and programs happening in the George Washington-Jefferson National Forest.

On 7/29, we aired a story about the upcoming Bath County Farmers Market.

On 8/4, we aired an interview about the LEAF (Leaders in Environmental Actions) participants in Bath County.

On 8/31, we aired a report from Warm Springs District Ranger Elizabeth McNichols.

Community

On 7/1 we aired a story about the continued flooding problems in neighboring Allegheny County as a result of the historic late June flooding in the Allegheny Highlands of West Virginia and Virginia.

On 7/7 we aired a story about an Open House event at Bath Community Hospital to show residents some of the new services being offered by the non-profit hospital.

On 7/28, we aired a story about the unveiling of a historical marker for Camp Mont Shenandoah, a camp for girls in Bath County that has been in operation since 1966.

On 8/26, we aired a story about the upcoming Bath County Fair.

On 9/7, we aired a story about the annual Bath County Relay for Life event.

People

On 7/5, we aired an interview with Danny Cardwell, the new Station Coordinator for WCHG.

On 8/19, we aired an interview with the new football coach at Bath County HS, Larry Grubbs.

Jobs and Development

On 8/17, we aired a story about Altenergy, a solar power organization encouraging investment in solar energy.

On 8/29, we aired a story about Speyside Cooperage opening a new stave mill to produce bourbon barrels in the Millboro area of Bath County.

Arts and Culture

On 7/5, we aired a story about the Preservation Bath Nominations. Those who are nominated for the award are dedicated to preserving the history and culture of Bath County.

In 7/12, we aired a preview story about the upcoming Bath County Art Show, held each year for several days in the one of the county's elementary schools.

We aired a few stories about the annual Wings and Wheels event that draws quite a number of folks to the county each year. These stories aired on 7/14, 7/18,

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Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

Health and Human Resources

Benefits and Fundraisers

Art, Culture, and Recreation

Bath County Arts Show	7/6 thru 7/24
Bath Tourism Survey	9/2 thru 9/15
Preservation Bath Lecture	9/19 thru 10/2