

WCHG Most Significant Issues January through March 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 1/13, 2/21 (citizen concerns), and 3/21 (public comment).

Court /Crime/Breaking News/Legislative Updates

On 3/24, we aired a story about a fire that caused heavy damage to two businesses in downtown Hot Springs. No one was hurt and the cause of the fire is under investigation by the state fire marshals office.

Education and Children

We air periodic reports about the meetings of the Bath School Board. During this quarter these reports aired on 1/9, and 3/14.

On 3/6, we aired a story about scholarships being offered by the Bath County Arts Association for students in high school and 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.

On 2/10, we aired a story about updates from the US Forest Service in Bath County regarding events in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest.

Community

On 1/10 we aired a story about the community feelings about COVID three years on from the onset of the pandemic.

On 1/16, we aired a tribute story in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 2/1, we aired a story about the ongoing development and progress of a breast cancer vaccine.

People

Jobs and Development

On 1/18, we aired a story about the summer plans for Lake Moomaw, a state park popular with residents and visitors.

On 3/3, we aired a story about engineering positions being posted for a variety of positions in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest, including several in Bath County.

Arts and Culture

Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

Virginia State Police Bath Co – Drive Sober	Ongoing
Virginia State Police Bath Co – Seat Belts Save Lives	Ongoing

Health and Human Resources

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Volunteer Drivers	Ongoing
Avian Flu Warning	1/19 – ongoing
BARC Electric Scam Warning	3/7 - ongoing

Benefits and Fundraisers

Bluegrass Jamboree Ticket Giveaway	3/7 – 4/7
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Art, Culture, and Recreation

Allegheny Mountain Radio App	5/25 – ongoing
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