

WCHG Most Significant Issues 1st Quarter – January Through March 2017

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 2/17, 2/20, 3/20, and 3/22.

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

Court /Crime/Breaking News

On 1/19, we aired a story about petitions for a recall of three members of the Board of Supervisors. The case was dismissed with prejudice by Circuit court judge John Wetsel after finding that the petitioners did not prove their case against the Supervisors.

Election Stories

On 3/7 and 3/8, we aired stories about a forum held for the candidates running in a special election to fill a vacant spot on the Board of Supervisors.

Education and Children

We cover the meetings of the Bath Co School Board. During this quarter, these reports ran on 2/13 and 3/15.

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 2/3, 2/8, and 3/2.

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 2/6, 2/7, 3/28, and 3/30.

On 2/16 and 2/21, we aired a two part story about the progress of the lower Cowpasture River Restoration project.

On 3/1, we aired a story by student reporter Abby Redd interviewing Virginia Extension agent Kari Sponaugle.

Community

On 1/13 and 1/16, we aired a two part story about “Troubled Waters” a film and photography exhibit about residents who would be impacted by construction of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline project.

On 2/24, we aired a story about happenings in Bath County sponsored by the Bath Chamber of Commerce.

On 3/2, we aired a story about small business loans being offered through the Bath County Economic Development Authority.

On 3/10, we aired a story about the BARC electric coop program “Power From the Heart” a program designed to help those facing power service cutoffs find a way to pay their bills and keep their power on.

On 3/23, we aired a story about the annual Bath Relay for Life event.

On 3/24, we aired a story about a shoe drive to raise funds for kids to attend a local soccer camp in the county this summer.

People

Jobs and Development

On 1/4/17, we aired a story about a program initiated by BARC Electric Coop to lower electricity rates for their members.

Arts and Culture

On 1/5, we aired a story about a group appearing at the Garth Newel Music Center – Stucky, Stew and Stout.

On 3/16, we aired a story about a “Live at the Fillmore” concert event at this historic theater in Clifton Forge.

Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

Bath County Library Fiber Optic	1/13 thru 2/16
Bath Library STEAM events	2/8 thru 3/8
Bath Library Dr. Sues event	2/15 thru 3/2

Health and Human Resources

National Stalker Awareness Month	1/16 thru 1/31
Teen Dating Safety Tips	2/6 thru 2/28
Bath Community Hosp – Suicide Prevention	3/14 thru 3/29

Benefits and Fundraisers

BARC Electric Coop – Power from the Heart	3/6 thru 3/31
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Art, Culture, and Recreation