WCHG Most Significant Issues January through March 2024

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 2/19, 2/23 (VHF update for EMS), and 3/20.

Court / Crime / Breaking News/Legislative Updates

On 3/13, we aired a story about a fatal plane crash at Ingalls Field, the local airport in Bath County.

Elections

Education and Children

We air periodic reports about the meetings of the Bath School Board. During this quarter these reports aired on 2/9 (Valley Elem renovation) and 3/11.

On 2/2, we aired a story about scholarships being offered by the Cowpasture Preservation Association.

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 1/17, we aired a story about the levels of Lake Moomaw getting dangerously low.

Community

On 1/12, we aired a story about a new childcare facility soon to open in the county.

On 1/26, we aired a story about water improvements for Bath residents.

On 2/28, we aired a story about Bath Community Hospital being recognized as a Top Critical Access hospital.

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.

On 1/10, we aired a story about Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the importance of the holiday for those in our region.

In February, in honor of Black History Month, we aired stories about African-American people who made significant contributions to society that deserve recognition. These stories aired on 2/15 (Norman Lewis) and 2/21 (Edmonia Lewis).

Jobs and Development

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 – 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 Bath Transportation for Seniors	11/16 - Ongoing

Benefits and Fundraisers

Art, Culture, and Recreation

Alleghen, Meustein Dedie Ann	Ongoing
Allegheny Mountain Radio App	Ongoing