

WCHG Most Significant Issues 1st Quarter – January Through March 2018

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 1/11, 2/16 (VDOT appreciation), and 3/19.

Court /Crime/Breaking News

Election Stories

Education and Children

We cover the meetings of the Bath Co School Board. During this quarter, these reports ran on 1/4/18, 2/8, 2/9, 3/5, and 3/15.

On 1/16, we aired a story about an appearance by the Garth Newel Quartet at Millboro elementary school to introduce the students to classical music and the instruments used by the quartet.

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 1/4/18 (DEP public hearing), 1/18 (FERC decision regarding ACP), 1/22 (ACP Tree felling), 1/26 (WVDEP issues permit for ACP), 1/29 (Allegheny Blue Ridge Alliance monitoring group), and 3/12 (Mon forest closures for pipeline work).

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 1/24, 1/25, 1/30, 2/12 (upcoming prescribed burns), 3/1, 3/2, and 3/13.

Community

On 1/23, we aired a story about the 2018 meeting of the Bath County Chamber of Commerce and their upcoming plans for the county this year.

On 1/26, we aired a story about a fatal vehicle crash in Bath County.

On 2/2, we aired a story debunking popular myths about domestic violence and how victims can get help.

On 2/14 and 2/15 we aired a two part story about human trafficking and how to avoid becoming a victim of the practice.

On 2/14, we aired a story about an upcoming celebration of the C&O Heritage Festival celebrating the history of this railroad business.

On 2/20, we aired an interview with Dr. Calvin McClinton who was scheduled to speak at the Bath County public library about Civil War history of Allegheny County and surrounding areas.

On 3/8, we aired a story about March being Pulmonary Embolism Month and the signs and symptoms to look for that might indicate that someone may be at risk for this condition.

People

Jobs and Development

On 1/8, we aired a story about the pay gap between men and women working in the same or very similar positions, citing statistics provided by the American Association of University Women.

On 1/18, we aired a story about a business that creates barrel staves getting ready to open in the Millboro area of Bath County.

On 2/19, we aired a story about a new owner of the Mountain Grove General store. The store had been in decline in recent years, but new owner Bryan Vandigo hopes to revive the store as an important part of the Mountain Grove community.

On 2/24, we aired a story about architectural firm Glave & Holmes holding a public meeting to gather community input on their proposal for the new county Visitor's Center.

Arts and Culture

On 1/25, we aired an interview with Simba Sana, a Washington D. C. native who grew up in the cycle of poverty, drugs and violence in his inner-city home. He did a presentation at the Homestead on his book *Never Stop: A Memoir* detailing how he rose above his surroundings to become the CEO of the largest African American independent owned book store chain in the US.

On 3/21 and 3/22, we aired a two part story about the Celebration of the Arts event happening at Bath County High School which will showcase the music and arts programs in Bath County schools.

On 3/28, we aired an interview with Charlie Frazier, a member of the Virginia Ramblers. This is one of the groups that will be playing at the Bath Bluegrass Jamboree, a fundraiser concert for Allegheny Mountain Radio.

Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

Health and Human Resources

Stalker Awareness

1/3 thru 1/31

Benefits and Fundraisers

Art, Culture, and Recreation