

WCHG Most Significant Issues 4th Quarter – October through December 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 10/16, 11/16, and 12/20.

On 10/30, we aired a story about a solar project for county schools that was commissioned by the Board of Supervisors.

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 11/14 and 12/14.

On 12/7 and 12/8, we aired a 2 part story about a new Fire and Rescue club at the county high school. Students are learning pertinent skills from volunteers and professional fire and rescue personnel.

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 10/16 (FERC issues Certificate for Public Convenience and Necessity for both the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and the Mountain Valley Pipeline projects), 11/20 (Forest Svc approval), 11/29 (Aaron Ruby of Dominion talking about construction of the pipeline), 11/30 (Peoples Tribunal Opposes ACP), and 12/13 (Virginia DEQ Water board approves ACP with conditions).

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 10/5, 10/6, 10/25, 11/6, 11/7, 11/30, 12/21, 12/22, and 12/26.

Community

On 10/3, we aired a feature story about the 2017 Bath County Christmas Mother and what needs they hoped to cover through gifts and funds donated to the program. We aired an update on the program on 12/1.

On 10/19 we aired a story about a Bath County mock disaster drill.

On 10/27, we aired excerpts from a candidate forum hosted by The Recorder newspaper featuring candidates for various local and state offices.

On 11/21, we aired a story about the annual Bath County Community Thanksgiving Dinner, a potluck event hosted by volunteers each year for those who may not have family with which to share the holiday.

People

Jobs and Development

Arts and Culture

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