

WCHG Most Significant Issues 2nd Quarter – April Through June 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 4/14, 5/17, and 6/16.

On 6/30, we aired a story about a community presentation Jackson River Enterprises CEO Todd Anderson on recycling and how to reduce the amount of trash that is thrown into the landfill.

Court /Crime/Breaking News

Election Stories

We aired profiles of all the candidates vying for the Virginia gubernatorial nominations for the Democratic and Republican parties during the second week of June from 6/5 through 6/9.

Education and Children

We cover the meetings of the Bath Co School Board. During this quarter, these reports ran on 4/6, 5/4 and 6/14.

On 4/17 and 4/18, we aired a 2 part story about a drug prevention program at Bath County high school.

On 5/22 and 5/23 we aired a 2 part story about a project to increase solar energy use in the Bath County schools.

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 5/26, 6/6 and 6/9.

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 4/26, 4/27, 5/9, and 6/29.

On 4/12, we aired a story about the upcoming Nature Conservancy Clean Up day in Bath County.

On 6/23 and 6/26 we aired a 2 part story about a group of people who are walking the route of the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline to bring heightened awareness of the communities that lie along the pipeline route and the impact the pipeline could have on those communities.

Community

On 4/13 and 4/14 we aired a 2 part story about Child Abuse Prevention Month and how to spot and prevent the abuse, and resources to help.

On 4/20, we aired an interview Bath Senior Center resident Pat Davenport sharing his memories of WW II.

On 6/21, we aired a story about the expansion of the Millboro Fire dept building.

People

On 6/20, we aired a story about WCHG volunteer Pete Pitard being named the Citizen Educator of the Year by the Covington Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Jobs and Development

On 4/5, we aired a story about the Sneads 1912 Tavern re-opening in Hot Springs. The restaurant pays homage to golfer Sam Snead who designed the Cascades golf course at the nearby The Omni Homestead resort.

Arts and Culture

On 4/7, we aired an interview with Mark Templeton, one of the musicians playing for the annual AMR Bluegrass Jamboree, a fundraiser for AMR.

On 5/30 and 5/31 we aired a 2 part interview with singer-songwriter John McCutcheon who was coming to the Garth Newel Music center for a concert and song writing workshop.

Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

Bath County High School Physicals	5/8 thru 5/25
Bath Library Summer Reading Kickoff	6/1 thru 6/12

Health and Human Resources

Victim's Rights Week	4/1 thru 4/30
Elder Abuse Awareness	6/16 thru 6/30

Benefits and Fundraisers

Art, Culture, and Recreation