

WCHG Most Significant Issues 2nd Quarter – April through June 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 4/12, 5/10, and 6/15.

Court /Crime/Breaking News

Election Stories

On 5/15, we aired a story about a Meet the Candidates forum held at Ft. Lewis Lodge with the four candidates seeking to replace retiring Congressman Bob Goodlatte who has represented Bath and Highland Counties for many years.

On 6/2, we aired a story about the upcoming Virginia primary election and the candidates on the ballot.

Education and Children

We cover the meetings of the Bath Co School Board. During this quarter, these reports ran on 4/6, 5/3, and 6/7.

On 5/1, we aired an interview with Katha Seacord, a Myofunctional Therapist about the importance of taking care of your children's developing mouth as they grow beginning as early as when they are a nursing infant.

On 5/18 and 5/21 we aired a two-part story about the Bath County high school Kid Wind teams that participated in a wind turbine power competition in Chicago. The team won the competition.

On 5/24, we aired a story about an original play produced by the Valley Elementary Drama Club with help from Sage Tanguay, the AMR morning dj, and several teachers at the elementary school. The play is based on Mother Goose tales.

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 4/25 (ACP job fair), 4/27 (Joint hearing), and 5/17 (permit denial).

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 4/2, 4/15, 4/16, 4/17, and 5/29.

Community

On 5/9, we aired a story about a simulated accident following a prom at Bath County High School. Students and teachers as well as local law enforcement participated in the exercise.

On 5/16, we aired a story about an upcoming “duck derby” racing rubber duck toys down the river for a fundraising event to benefit the Hot Springs Volunteer Rescue Squad.

People

On 5/25 we aired a story about May 26th being designated as Perlista Henry Day in honor of Ms. Henry’s many years of devoted service to the Hot Springs Volunteer Rescue Squad.

On 5/25 and 5/28, we aired a two part story about a presentation on mental health awareness at the Bath County Senior center by social worker Pari Baker.

On 6/5, we aired a story about a new restaurant opening at the Omni Homestead resort, “Woody’s” named in honor of Woodrow “Woody” Wilson, a long time employee of the resort who was named “Maitre’d of the Year” by Golf magazine in 2003.

On 6/29, we aired a story about Becky Downer and Didi Simpson, both residents of Bath County, who run a program called “Surviving and Giving Back”. The program provides chemo care packages that consist of things like slippers, socks, ginger ale, crackers, gift cards, and gas cards to help offset the cost of treatments or travel. Simpson herself is fighting stage four breast cancer.

Jobs and Development

On 6/13, we aired a story about a community meeting to discuss various ideas for creating a new visitors center in Bath County.

On 6/18 and , we aired a two part story about Sundance Dance Studio opening a new studio in Bath County. Sundance has operated a studio in Highland County for many years.

Arts and Culture

On 4/3 and 4/5 , we aired a two part interview with the Larry Stephenson Band, one of the bands performing at the Bath Bluegrass Jamboree, a fundraiser for Allegheny Mountain Radio.

On 5/3, we aired an interview with the Puck Quartet who will appear at the Garth Newel Music Center.

Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

Estate Planning Workshop	5/10 thru 7/13
VSP Trooper McCoy – Slow Down	6/5 thru 8/31
VSP Trooper McCoy – Seat Belts Save Lives	6/5 thru 8/31
VSP Trooper McCoy – Drive Sober	6/5 thru 8/31
BARC Visualization Tool	6/18 thru 7/31

Health and Human Resources

Speyside Job Fair	4/9 thru 4/13
Peters Mountain Landfill	4/27 thru 5/31
Car Fit Workshop	5/8 thru 6/2

Benefits and Fundraisers

Art, Culture, and Recreation