

WCHG Most Significant Issues July through September 2023

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 7/14, 8/11, and 9/20 (green box sites).

Court /Crime/Breaking News/Legislative Updates

On 7/12, we aired a story about a Bath County man killed in a officer-related shooting.

Elections

Education and Children

We air periodic reports about the meetings of the Bath School Board. During this quarter these reports aired on 7/6, 8/8, and 9/7.

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.

During this quarter, we aired updates from the Warm Springs Ranger District of the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest. These stories aired on 7/4, 7/26 (WS District jobs), and 9/25 (forestry jobs).

Community

On 7/19, we aired a story about a Town Hall meeting held at the Fairview Community Center in Millboro.

On 8/4, we aired a story about the Bath Community Hospital receiving grant funding for expanding programs offered by the hospital.

On 8/16, we aired a story about a Town Hall meeting to discuss local housing needs.

On 8/18, we aired a story about the Allegheny Mountain String Project, a program that seeks to teach young students how to play string instruments such as violin, viola, cello and guitar. They are also seeking new students to join their classes.

On 9/6, we aired a story about a grant awarded to the Goshen Community Center for upgrades to its facility.

On 9/12, we aired a story about the 60th Anniversary of the Hot Springs Rescue Squad.

On 9/14 and 9/15, we aired a two-part story about the current group of students in the Allegheny Mountain Strings program.

People

On 8/2 and 8/3, we aired a two-part interview with Billy Thomas, who was the sports coach at Camp ACCOVAC in Millboro, Virginia this summer.

Jobs and Development

On 8/25, we aired an update on the rebuilding process for a building in downtown Hot Springs that was severely damaged by fire earlier in the year. The building housed several businesses, some of which will not return.

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

Avian Flu Warning	Ongoing
BARC Electric Scam Warning	Ongoing

Benefits and Fundraisers

Eden Gospel Festival	8/14 – 9/9
Gospel Jubilee Fundraiser for AMR	9/19 – 10/14

Art, Culture, and Recreation

Allegheny Mountain Radio App	Ongoing
Nothing Fancy Bluegrass Fest Ticket Giveaway	8/14 – 9/15