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ISSUES-JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER OF 2015

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THESE ISSUES WERE DETERMINED TO BE CONCERNS OF THE AREA, THROUGH MANAGERIAL AND NEWS DEPARTMENT DISCUSSIONS, PUBLIC INPUT THROUGH AN INTERNET WEBSITE, AND CONVERSATIONS WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS.

EMPLOYMENT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>SOURCE/TYPE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
7/1/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	BOARD CONSIDERS TERMINATIONS	News Story on Allegany County Board of Education considering more involuntary separations or terminations. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/7/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	COMPANY CLOSING IN AUGUST	News story on closing of McCarthy Tire in Somerset, Pa. About 3 dozen workers are affected by the closing. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/17/15	:30 SECONDS	STATE/N	BPW DELAYS JOB CUTS VOTE	News story on the Maryland Board of Public Works delaying a vote on whether to cut 63 jobs in the state Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/5/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	CUMBERLAND SUP-PORTS PEAK HAR-VEST HEALTH	News story on the approval of a resolution, supporting Peak Harvest Health, which is seeking a license to manufacture legal medical marijuana, leading to 100 new local jobs. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/20/15	:30 SECONDS	REGIONAL NEWS	W. VA. UNEMPLOY-MENT UP	News story on an increase in West Virginia's unemployment rate, which rose slightly in July, from 7.4 to 7.5 per cent. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/21/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	VERSO IDLES HUN-DREDS COMPANY-WIDE	News story on Verso Paper Corporation laying off hundreds of its employees, company-wide. The layoffs did not affect the Luke Mill. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
9/1/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	QUEEN CITY CREAMERY	News story on the closing of the Queen City Creamery, on or before October 30th, affecting a number of employees. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
9/16/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	COMPANY TO LO-	News story on the location of a company that sells cement

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blocks to companies, which will locate in the Keyser Industrial Park, creating several new jobs.
(WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)

COST OF LIVING

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7/2/15	:30 SECONDS	STATE/N	NEW LAWS NOW IN EFFECT	News story on a number of new laws in effect in Maryland, including raising the minimum wage in the state to \$8.25. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/13/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	HAMPSHIRE PSD TO RAISE RATES	News story on Central Hampshire Public Service District raising its rates by 25 per cent. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/31/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	PROPERTY TAX BREAK POSSIBLE	News story on Allegany County homeowners receiving a tax break, contingent on the increased assessed valuation of a home. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/3/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	FIRE OFFICIALS WANT TAXING DISTRICT	News story on the possible creation of a special fire taxing district in the city of Frostburg. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/6/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	GAS PRICES CONTINUE TO DROP	News story on the continuing drop in gas prices in Maryland. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/6/15	:30 SECONDS	STATE/N	TAX FREE WEEK IN MARYLAND	News story on Maryland's Tax Free week, where certain items are tax free in the state of Maryland. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/10/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST WITHDRAWN	News story on the withdrawal of a request from Columbia Gas, for a gas rate increase; company is likely to refile the request. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)

ECONOMY

DATE	DURATION	SOURCE/TYPE	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
7/10/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	BANK MERGER APPROVED	Regulators have approved the merger of Susquehanna Bank with BB& T Corporation. the acquisition was completed on August 1, 2015. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/21/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	SLOTS PAY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS	News story on how slot revenues from Rocky Gap help pay for local scholarships to ACM and Frostburg State University. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/22/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	MORE W.VA. KIDS LIVING IN POVERTY	News story on how more West Virginia children are living in poverty now, than in 2008. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/27/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	CORPORATION TO TAKE OVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	News story on the closing of the Cumberland Economic Development Office closing, with an independent corporation guiding its efforts. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/27/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	ROCKY GAP MERGER APPROVED	News story on the merger between Rocky Gap Resort and Golden Garning having been approved by the Nevada Garning Commission. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/12/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	COUNTY AMONG TOP FOR MORTGAGE APPROVAL	News story on Allegany County ranking in the Top Ten in the state for mortgage approval. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
9/1/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	QUEEN CITY CREAMERY CLOSING	News story on the closing of the Queen City Creamery, on or before October 30th. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)

9/9/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	U.S. WIND FORCE NAMES GRANT RECIPIENTS	News story on grant recipients from U.S. Wind Force, associated with the Pinnacle Wind Farm at New Page Corporation, now known as Verso. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
9/10/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	ROCKY GAP REVENUES ON THE RISE	News story on an increase in revenues at the Rocky Gap Casino Resort for August. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
9/16/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	REQUESTS EXCEED FUNDING REQUESTS	News story on funding requests from the hotel/motel tax exceeding available amount. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
9/23/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	VERSO STOCK DELISTED ON STOCK EXCHANGE	News story on suspension of trading in Verso stock, after the share price dropped to 15 cents. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)

GOVERNMENT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>SOURCE/TYPE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
7/9/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	GARRETT HAS NEW ADMINISTRATOR	News story on a new county administrator for Garrett County, Kevin Null. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/13/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	PUBLIC MEETING SET	News story on city of Cumberland holding a public meeting on the West Side Traffic Planning Study. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/23/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	SECRETARY BRINKLEY VISITS AREA	News story on local visit by Maryland Budget Secretary David Brinkley visiting the Cumberland area on economic development issues. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/24/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	PROBABLE CAUSE FOUND IN PIEDMONT CASE	News story on probable cause found in Piedmont in that two council members violated the West Virginia Ethics Act. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/31/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	CEDC TO OVERSEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMT	News story on independent organization, created to oversee economic development for the city of Cumberland. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/25/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	BUCKEL NAMED TO COMMISSION	Delegate Jason Buckel named to the Maryland Redistricting Reform Commission, created by Governor Larry Hogan. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
9/8/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	COMMISSIONER ADDRESSES ALLEGANY ISSUE	News story on comments from Allegany County Commissioner Bill Valentine on the shortfall in funding for a new Allegany High School. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)

9/16/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	NON-PROFIT REQUESTS EXCEED FUNDING	News story on funding requests from the hotel/motel tax exceeding the available amount. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
9/17/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	ARC GRANTS INTERNET FUNDING	The Appalachian Regional Commission awards funding to the local board of education for high-speed internet, done through the efforts of U.S. Senators Mikulski and Cardin, along with Congressman John Delaney. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
9/25/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	CITY TO PURCHASE, DEMOLISH HOMES	News story on a plan to purchase and demolish several homes in targeted areas of the city to help spur economic development. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)

COMMUNITY PLANNING

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DURATON</u>	<u>SOURCE/TYPE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
7/6/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	ROCKY GAP PLANNING EXTENSION	News story on adding more burial spaces at Rocky Gap Veteran's Cemetery. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/7/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	GROWER BUYS 26 ACRES FOR GROWING FACILITY	Vast Organic Farms purchases 26 acres of county land, for the purpose of establishing a medical marijuana growing facility. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/10/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	ARC GRANT FOR GRANTSVILLE	News story on \$25,000 ARC grant for the town of Grantsville, to coordinate several existing economic development plans into an economic development strategy for the future. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/10/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	MUSLIM COMMUNITY ESTABLISHING STUDY HOUSE	News story on the Muslim Society of Cumberland developing a prayer and study house in LaVale. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/14/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	REGULATORS SET TO APPROVE MERGER	News story on the merger between Lakes Entertainment and Golden Gaming and Lakes gaming companies. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/24/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	CEDC LOOKS TO NON-PROFIT STATUS	News story on creation of the Cumberland Economic Development Corporation and the fact it is seeking non-profit status with the IRS. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/3/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	DELAY IN WIND FARM HEARING	News story on a delay in a hearing for a wind farm developer's request for approval of plans for a facility on Dan's Mountain. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/6/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	CANAL PLACE FUND-	News story on the approval of just over a million dollars

8/10/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	ING APPROVED	approved for the renovation of the Footer Dye Works Building at Canal Place. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/28/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	SITE TO BE DEMOLISHED	News story on the demolition of the former St. Michael Parish Hall in Frostburg, for a parking lot. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
9/3/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	SHELTER MANAGER RESIGNS	News story on the resignation of the manager of the Allegany County Animal Shelter, Karl Brubaker. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
9/9/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	ALLEGANY HIGH \$25 MILLION SHORT	News story on bid opening for the new Allegany High and the fact that the project is \$25 million over original estimates. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
9/25/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	IHOP BEING BUILT IN GRANTSVILLE	News story on an IHOP restaurant being built in Grantsville. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
			CITY TO PURCHASE, DEMOLISH HOMES	News story on the city of Cumberland buying and demolishing a number of homes in targeted areas of the city to help spur economic development. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)

CRIME-LAW & ORDER

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7/3/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	RESIDENT CONVICT- OF CHILD PORN CHARGES	New story on LaVale resident being convicted on child pornography counts. Richard Alan Blank faces a mandatory 15 years in prison on each of two counts. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/3/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	INMATE STABBED SIX TIMES	News story on North Branch Correctional inmate stabbed six times at the facility. Injuries were termed "minor."
7/6/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PLANNED	News story on local observance of the National Night Out Against Crime, to be held in August. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/7/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MANSLAUGHTER	News story on Cumberland resident Ralph Earl Faith pleading guilty to manslaughter counts in January stabbing. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/13/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	STATE POLICE HONORED	News story on awards presented to state troopers, including Senior Trooper Matthew Schoenadel, who saved a baby's life. 9WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/20/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	CORRECTIONAL OFFICER ARRESTED	News story on WCI Correctional Officer Matthew Stott, who is accused of smuggling drugs to inmates at the facility. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/24/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	MAN INDICTED IN PEDESTRIAN DEATH	News story on indictment of a local man, who was charged in connection with hitting and killing an Oakland resident. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
7/28/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	CHARGES FILED IN PUPPY MILL CASE	News story on a total of 158 charges filed in connection with a "puppy mill" being operated on Maryland Avenue. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)

7/30/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	WCI INMATE FOUND DEAD IN CELL	News story on WCI inmate Darrell Murray, who was found dead in his cell at WCI on July 29th. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/10/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	TWO EMPLOYEES CHARGED WITH WATER THEFT	News story on two city of Cumberland employees who have been charged with the theft of city water. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/14/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	WOMAN FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER	News story on a guilty verdict for Mandy O'Hara, who was found guilty in connection to the death of her estranged husband. Sentencing set for late October, 2015. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/20/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	FIVE GARRETT BUSINESSES ROBBED	News story on five Garrett County businesses robbed in one night.
8/24/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	ELDERLY WOMAN MURDERED	News story on the murder of an 83-year old Augusta, West Virginia, and the arrest of a suspect in the crime. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/24/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	ROBBERY SUSPECTS ARRESTED	News story on the arrest of a couple, accused of robbing the Midland Volunteer Fire Department bar. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
8/25/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	TWO ARRESTED IN DRONE PLOT	News story of two men, who tried to fly contraband into the Western Correctional Institution, using a drone. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
9/3/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	FORMER OWNER INDICTED	News story on the indictment of the former owner of a used car lot, who used several means to try to avoid paying transfer taxes. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)
9/18/15	:30 SECONDS	L/N	TEACHER DEAD; BOYFRIEND SHOOT	News story on murder of Moorefield, West Virginia Middle school teacher Joy Coby; her boyfriend shot himself, and also

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died several days later.
(WTBO/WKGO/WFRB/TALK RADIO 560)