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**ISSUES-JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER OF 2014**

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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.**

			<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>	
<u>DATE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>SOURCE/TYPE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
7/17/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Canadian Company Buys PBS Coals	Canadian company Corsa Coal Company buys Somerset County's PBS Coals. No word on how this will affect Somerset employees. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
7/21/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Maryland Jobless Rate Rises	The state added 7700 jobs in June, but lost 6800. Rate rose from 5.6 per cent in May, to 5.8 per cent in June. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
7/24/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Firefighters Want to Include Paramedics	The IAFF, Local 1715, want paramedics included in their union. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
7/31/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Deal Reached with Firefighters	IAFF, Local 1715, and the city of Cumberland, reach a contract agreement for the next three years. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/4/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Love's Plans Early 2015 Opening	Love's Travel Center will open in early 2015, with opportunities for local employment. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/6/14	:30 seconds	L/N	CSX To Hire Hundreds, Possibly Thousands	CSX Transportation has announced plans to hire hundreds, perhaps thousands of workers, to fill jobs at the railroad. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/26/14	:30 seconds	L/N	American Woodmark to Add Jobs in West Virginia	American Woodmark plans to add 80 full time jobs and invest \$30 million at its Moorfield plant. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
9/3/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Leaders Urge Use of Local	Local leaders have written to Love's Travel Stop CEO

**Labor**

to urge use of local labor in construction of new facility, near Cumberland.  
(WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)

9/4/14

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Cardin Concludes Visit

U.S. Senator Ben Cardin visits to discuss how to work, as a team, to bring jobs to the county.  
(WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)

9/18/14

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RKG Presents Findings

RKG Associates, a consultant, says attracting numerous small businesses, rather than one major employer, could be a better use of city's efforts for jobs.  
(WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)

**COMMUNITY PLANNING**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DURATION</u></b>	<b><u>SOURCE/TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>
7/11/14	:30 seconds	L/N	State May Buy Terrapin Run	The state of Maryland may buy Terrapin Run, and negotiations are currently underway for the sale. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
7/11/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Auditorium to be Part of New School	Savings from demolition work at site of new Alle-gany High School will allow for a new, \$3 million auditorium to be added. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
7/16/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Grant Awarded for Footer Building Roof	A \$150,000 grant was announced to replace the roof on the Footer Dye Works building in Cumberland. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
7/18/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Railroad Receives Grant	The Western Maryland Scenic Railroad receives \$85,000 grant to restore a former W.Md. Railway office car. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
7/30/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Residents to Receive New Addresses	Fort Ashby residents to receive new addresses from the U.S. Postal Service; will also allow emergency personnel to more easily identify residences. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/4/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Love's Plans Early 2015 Opening	Love's Travel Center in Cumberland plans early 2015 opening at its Cumberland location. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/11/14	:30seconds	L/N	Flood Relief Grants Available	Disaster relief grants of up to \$5,000 are being made to those affected by June 12th flooding in Cumber-land area. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)

8/15/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Pipeline Project Put on Hold	A natural gas pipeline project by Spectra Energy has been put on hold for the moment. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/26/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Bridge Re-opened	The Oldtown Toll Bridge, which has been washed out by June flooding, has been re-opened. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
9/2/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Sheriff's Office to be Completed by November	The new Allegany County Sheriff's Office should be ready for occupancy by November of 2014. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
9/9/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Prison Planned for Cresaptown	Plans announced for new, 140-bed minimum security prison between current NBCI and WCI facilities in Cresaptown. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
9/11/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Strategic Planning Meeting Set	Details on an economic development strategy meeting set for mid-September at Cumberland City Hall. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)

				<u>COST OF LIVING</u>	
<u>DATE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>SOURCE/TYPE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	
7/15/14	:30 seconds	L/N	County Ineligible for Federal Assistance	Allegheny and Washington Counties are ineligible for federal public disaster assistance, as a result of storms of June 12th. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)	
7/16/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Ambulance Service Cost May Rise	City of Cumberland considers an ordinance that would raise the cost of city ambulance service to about \$500 for a base rate. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)	
7/21/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Mortgage Program Drops Rate	The Maryland Mortgage Program drops its rates by quarter of a percentage point to entice home buyers. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)	
8/14/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Gas Increase Hearing Set	Details on a hearing in Cumberland on a proposed rate increase by Columbia Gas. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)	

**CRIME-LAW & ORDER**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>SOURCE/TYPE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
7/2/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Trial Date Set in Case	Trial date set for man accused of seriously injuring 11-month old child. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
7/8/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Infant's Body Found in Hardy County, West Virginia	Two residents arrested in connection with the death of their 26-day old son in Hardy County. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
7/11/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Legislators Ask for Investigation	Local legislators ask for investigation into the finances of the McCoolle Volunteer Fire Department. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
7/23/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Inmate Receives Additional Sentence	North Branch inmate receives additional sentence for having a weapon in prison. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
7/31/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Two Housing Authority Employees Charged	Two employees of the Cumberland Housing Authority charged with felony theft. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/11/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Developer Pleads Guilty	A Garrett County developer pleads guilty to a bank fraud conspiracy case. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/22/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Suspect to be Retried for Murder	Taj Green will be recharged in the September, 2011 shooting that killed a man in Ridgeley, West Virginia. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/29/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Woman Charged with Murder	Midland resident charged with the murder of her husband.

8/22/14				(WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/25/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Animal Cruelty Suspect Arrested	Man, accused of eight counts of aggravated animal cruelty, arrested. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/29/14	:30 seconds	L/N	"Safe Street" Initiative Nets 28 Arrests	"Safe Streets" Initiative arrests 28 on outstanding warrants in the course of one week. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
9/3/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Deal Reached in Dando Case	Criminal charges against local physician dismissed. Dr. William T. Dando had been accused of sexual offenses involving a patient at local MedExpress office. He must permanently surrender his medical license. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
9/4/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Four Indicted in Overdose Death	Four residents indicted in connection with the overdose death of a Keyser resident in May, 2014. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
9/8/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Bond Set at \$20,000	Bond for Mountain Ridge High School teacher set at \$20,000. Bart Alan Mazer arrested on charges of having inappropriate relationship with a then-17 year old student. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
9/25/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Fatal Shooting in Elk Garden	Man arrested in connection with the shooting death of his wife. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)



GOVERNMENT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>SOURCE/TYPE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
7/9/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Garrett Election Results Confirmed	Garrett County canvass has confirmed that all three Garrett County Commissioners were voted out of office in the June 24th primary election. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
7/15/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Strategy for Use of Funds	Allegheny County Commissioners develop strategy for use of funds from Rocky Gap Casino Resort. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/6/14	:30 seconds	L/N	O'Malley Visits W. Md.	Details on a visit by Governor Martin O'Malley, to Western Md. Regional Medical Center. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/13/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Commissioners Attend MACo Conference	Details on the Allegheny County Commissioners' attendance at the annual Maryland Association of Counties conference in Ocean City, Maryland. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/21/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Counties Receive Water Funding	Allegheny and Garrett Counties to receive funding for various water projects from USDA. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/22/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Comptroller Opens Cumberland Branch Office	State Comptroller Peter Franchot has opened a Cumberland branch office in the Allegheny County Museum building. (WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)
8/27/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Rural Counties Coalition Grows	Three more counties have shown interest in the Maryland Rural Counties Coalition. (WTBOWKGO/WFRB)
9/1/14	:30 seconds	L/N	Valentine Joins MACo Board	Allegheny County Commissioner Bill Valentine has

joined the MACo Board of Directors.  
(WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)

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Campaign Spending Reported

Story on amounts spent on political campaigns  
for various offices around the state.  
(WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)

9/9/14

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Gatto Files as Write-In Candidate

Garrett County Commissioner Bob Gato, who was  
defeated in the primary election, has filed as a write-  
in candidate in the general election.  
(WTBO/WKGO/WFRB)