

GLORY 1130
WECR-AM
Newland, NC

Issue and Programs Report
For
Station WECR-AM

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July 1- September 30, 2020

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WECR-AM PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES

We have a morning show called “Glory Guys in the Morning” where we discuss issues that are current and vital to the community covering a wide variety of topics within each category each morning from Sign on until 9:30 am. This includes a Community Corner Program each weekday at 9:05 am. Every Saturday at 3:00 pm Unpackin It with Bryce Johnson airs on WECR AM to cover Sports from a Faith Perspective.

Each Saturday at 9 am is the North Carolina Family Policy Matters program focusing on current issues and what Christians can expect and look for in regards to those issues. Every Saturday at 4:30 pm, Carolina Newsmakers airs with Don Curtis, both of these program encompass a wide variety of interviews from Culture to Politics.

All programming on WECR AM is approached from a Religious Standpoint given our affiliation. Each day includes devotions, religious music, Focus on the Family minute, and a 15 Minute ministry program from a local church. 50 to 75 % of all on-air interviews include ties to the church or local ministry organizations.

Every Sunday is Local Ministry programming

AC - Arts, Culture, and Tourism

July 21 – COMMUNITY CORNER – Members of the Callahan Memorial Scholarship based in the area joined the morning program to make the announcement of their 2020 recipients. 15:00

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CD - Crime/Drugs/Public Safety

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EC—Economy and Employment

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ED—Education

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July 7 – COMMUNITY CORNER – Michelle South of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service joined the morning program to discuss how the COVID-19 situation has impacted the local livestock farms in the area. 17:00

July 15 – COMMUNITY CORNER - Frank O'Hagan of Mayland Community College joined the program by phone to discuss the upcoming fall semester and the continuation of the Summer Virtual program offered by the college. 22:10

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HO – Housing

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IA—International Affairs/NS—National Security

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WECR NEWS

Reports filed in news segments are aired weekdays at 7:30am, 8:30am, 12:06pm and 5:06pm. Special reports are aired in emergencies at other times.

JULY8

The Town of Boone has announced that effective July 4, it has named Interim Chief of Police Andy LeBeau as the new permanent Chief of Police for Boone. In a statement from Boone Town Manager John Ward said "it was clearly evident during the nationwide selection process that Chief Le Beau is a standout in the law enforcement community and is clearly the best fit to lead the Boone Police Department into 2020 and beyond." LeBeau has been a Police Officer since 1990, and served in the South Daytona Police Department, as well as Charlotte-Mecklenburg and Hickory Police Departments. Chief LeBeau has also served as a Police Officer with the United Nations in Kosovo. LeBeau joined the Boone Police Department in 2002 and rose to Captain of Police Operations in 2013. He replaces former Chief Dana Crawford, who retired earlier this year.

CD HSM GA

JULY 13

As the start of the fall semester at App State approaches and cases of COVID-19 increase, AppalCART has identified the need to try and lessen the time passengers are spending on the buses in a confined area. As a result, AppalCART will remove numerous stops beginning August 10. Top of Bodenheimer (Going up Bodenheimer) ASU Main Entrance Studio West ASU Walker Hall / Rivers St Dan'l Boone Inn ASU Child Development Center Applebee's Homespun Hills W. King St/ Water St Earth Fare Town Hall Graggville Rd Boone Bagelry ASU University Hall Horn In the West Drive App South PSI Brookhollow Rd/Bluebird Ln Old Waterloo Gilbert Barnes Rd Old Bristol/ US 421 Hardin St/Daulph Blan St Hub Brown Rd and Feids Way. These changes should allow the buses to stop less frequently to keep air circulating on the bus. They will also assist in improving on-time performance.

GR ED

JULY 15

The Watauga County Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution on July 13 supporting the purchase of property in Valle Crucis to build a new school. The Watauga Democrat reports the 14.4-acre tract of land known as the Hodges Property, that was contracted in March of 2019, has completed the due diligence period. According to the report, architect Chad Roberson told the board the process was the "most extensive" one his firm had ever gone through, saying more than 15 different investigative reports were conducted on the site, including soil investigations, environmental assessments, wetland delineations, and more. Roberson said a review of other properties in the area was conducted, and the Hodges property was determined to have the ability to support a school of somewhere between 70,000 to 75,000 square feet, which would include parking. A rezoning of the property to address height restrictions, setback requirements and parking restrictions, and obtaining a certificate of appropriateness to address historical neighborhood requirements, will still need to be addressed.

ED GA

JULY 21

A Boone man has been convicted on child pornography charges. High Country Press reports 60 year old William Jon Patric Ebert was convicted Friday July 17 in Charlotte. According to the report, court documents and evidence presented showed Ebert sexually abused a minor for more than six years in Ohio and in North Carolina, and Ebert used the minor to produce child pornography photographs. Ebert was arrested in September of 2016 after a search warrant for Ebert's residence in Boone turned up several devices and computers containing sexually explicit images of the minor victim. Ebert is currently in federal custody. A sentencing date has not been set.

CD

AUGUST 4

AppHealthCare has confirmed and is continuing to investigate an outbreak of COVID-19 at Bottomley Evergreens and Farms in Alleghany County. To date, there have been 102

confirmed cases and results are still pending for some individuals. The majority of the positive cases are reporting no symptoms. Last week a few cases of COVID-19 were at Bottomley Evergreens and Farms, and the company requested assistance from AppHealthCare to test their entire workforce. There were 398 individuals tested by late last week. According to AppHealthCare, this type of response testing is needed to determine how far the virus has spread and prevent further transmission. Jennifer Greene, Health Director, AppHealthCare, said due to the nature of this virus, the agency is concerned with the number of individuals who are positive and living and working within close proximity to others. AppHealthCare continues to work together with Bottomley Evergreens and Farms to implement control measures to limit further spread of the virus. Bottomley Evergreens and Farms of Glade Creek in Alleghany, provides Christmas greenery, as well as fresh produce, pumpkins and beef cattle.
EH HSM

AUGUST 10

The US Geological Survey reported a Magnitude 5.1 earthquake in Alleghany County Sunday morning at about 8:08 am. The quake's epicenter was around 5.5 miles deep, and just southeast of Sparta, near Parkdale Mills. The quake was felt all around the High Country and USGS reports people from as far away as Greensboro, Asheville, Charlotte, Roanoke Virginia and beyond also reported feeling the quake, even along the North Carolina and South Carolina coastal areas. The quake was the largest of at least four shakes recorded Saturday and Sunday. The USGS says the area can expect aftershocks through the week, but most likely none as strong as Sunday's 5.1. Ashe County Officials declared a state of emergency, as damage reports come in across the area, such as buckled and cracked walls and roads, and items knocked off shelves in stores. Only very minor injuries have been reported.
HSM EH

AUGUST 14

The N.C. Department of Transportation has announced a temporary lane closure for construction of new drainage on a ramp at the U.S. 221/421 intersection in Deep Gap. The Watauga Democrat reports the project will close the U.S. 221 South to U.S. 421 South ramp for about four weeks starting Monday, August 17. There will be a marked detour to U.S. 421 North for several hundred yards to a U-turn to head south to Wilkes County. All other ramps at the intersection will remain open. Weather conditions will affect how long the work will take. Motorists are reminded to slow down in the work zone and obey all posted signs.
GR

AUGUST 21

The Town of Boone has amended the current State of Emergency declaration. The amendment indicates that no one is allowed to obstruct or use space on a public sidewalk for commercial purposes, unless the obstruction permits passing pedestrians to maintain at least six feet of clearance from others, including persons dining at outside tables, persons shopping sidewalk sales, and employees supervising sidewalk sales, so that proper social distancing can be maintained. The commandment indicates that causing an

obstruction would include the use of a sidewalk for outdoor dining, outdoor sales or any other commercial activity. The Boone Town Council approved the amendment at the August 18 meeting. The amended declaration is effective as of 12 noon Friday August 21.

HSM GA

SEPTEMBER 1

High Country Crime Stoppers and Boone Police are seeking assistance in a larceny at Speedway gas station at 159 Old E. King Street. An unknown white male located a lost wallet in the parking lot and removed approximately \$250.00 out of the wallet prior to turning it in to the gas station attendants. Boone Police are trying to find the owner of a green Honda Element in reference to damage to property on 07/14/2020, at Lowes Foods New Market Centre. The driver of the vehicle was described as a white male, appeared to be 20-25 years of age, approximately 5' 10" to 6' feet tall, average weight, with black quarter-sized ear gauges, an auburn beard, and shaggy hair. Then on June 21, at 4:15 am an orange Kubota UTV was stolen from the Watauga High School Baseball Field. Two subjects entered the field from the area of Cecil Miller Road, then fled the area towards High School Dr. The NC State Highway Patrol located the Kubota overturned on the side of Bamboo Road later that day. If you have any information concerning these or any other crimes, contact Crime Stoppers at 828-268-6959 or Boone Police at 828-268-6900. You do not have to reveal your identity and you could be eligible for a reward.

CD

SEPTEMBER 4

Avery County Health Department was notified Thursday of its first COVID-19 associated death in Avery County. The Toe River Health District reports the individual was in their 60's. To protect the family's privacy no further information about the patient will be released.

Toe River Health District reported Avery County had 2 new positives Thursday which puts them at 174 positive cases, 142 have recovered, 31 active and 1 death.

Yancey County had 8 new positives, which puts them at 187 positive cases, 159 have recovered and 27 active and 1 death.

Mitchell County had 1 new positive Thursday which puts them at 149 positive cases, 140 have recovered, 5 active and 4 deaths.

As of Thursday, AppHealthCare reports there were 81 active COVID-19 cases in Watauga County, for a total of 553, with 143 individuals being actively monitored. In Ashe, there were 18 active cases, a total of 213, with 93 being monitored. Alleghany reported 5 active cases Thursday, a total of 205 and 6 individuals being monitored. There were 48 active cases among App State students, none among employees. A total of 193 students have been confirmed with the virus, 25 employees and 41 subcontractors.

EH

SEPTEMBER 14

The Boone Town Council will meet Tuesday at 6 pm via WebEx. The meeting will continue Thursday September 17. Individuals who wish to address Council during remote public participation can do so through WebEx either online or by phone. Among items on

the agenda are a request to move forward with the creation of a Police Committee, consideration of the student board application, and a discussion of downtown public restrooms. If you wish to provide public comment, please email Town Manager, John A. Ward III at john.ward@townofboone.net or call in at 828-268-6205 and you will be provided with an invite to the meeting. Additional information and links to the agenda packet can be found at TownOfBoone.net.

The Watauga County Commissioners will meet Tuesday evening at 5:30. The public can access the meeting by phone or online. You may submit public comment by email to: public.comments@watgov.org. Comments received by 5:00 P.M. today will be available to view by the time of the meeting. A recording of this meeting will be available by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday on the county's website. Among items on the agenda are the Town of Boone zoning amendment request for the Watauga Medical Center project, a request to schedule a public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Program Grant application process, and a COVID-19 community update from AppHealthCare director Jennifer Greene. The full agenda packet is available online at WataugaCounty.org.

GA

SEPTEMBER 18

A law suit has been filed related to the use of App State's Plemmons Student Union as a voting site. The Watauga Democrat reports the two Republican members of the Watauga Board of Elections filed the suit against the State Board September 10 to stop the state approved plan using the student union as a polling site. According to the report, Eric Eller and Nancy Owen filed the suit requesting a temporary restraining order, preliminary and permanent injunctions and a motion for an expedited hearing, to "prevent the staff of the Watauga County Board of Elections from utilizing previous time in preparing for an early-voting site that can't be utilized and further to ease the burden of (App State) and its staff from seeking to find other places to hold in person learning." University representatives have previously stated that the Blue Ridge Ballroom could not be used as a polling site, as classes were being held there due to COVID-19 requirements.

University representatives suggested use of the Holmes Center instead. The majority plan for the student union was approved by county board Chair Jane Ann Hodges, Marvin Williamsen and Matthew Walpole — all Democrats. A separate minority plan — favored by Republicans Eller and Owen — proposed the use of the Holmes Convocation Center. Both plans were submitted to the state. The complaint alleges that the Watauga Board of Elections did not authorize Hodges to request the use of the Blue Ridge Ballroom. The complaint also alleges that a formal vote about the Ballroom did not take place until the board's July 28 discussion of the plans, and that date wouldn't meet the 90-day requirement set by N.C. General Statute.

GA CR

SEPTEMBER 22

On Monday, Sept. 21, the Watauga County Board of Education voted unanimously to implement a plan that will reopen in-person learning in Watauga County Schools in grades K-3. Beginning Oct. 5, Kindergarten through third grade students will be able to

return to school in-person on the 2x3 Plan B Flex Schedule. Under the plan, half of students will attend school on Monday and Tuesday, while the other half attend on Thursday and Friday. Wednesday would be reserved as a remote learning day for all students. In total, students would have three days of remote learning at home each week. The plan that the board adopted tonight will reopen in-person learning to students in grades 4-12 on Oct. 19 under the same 2x3 Plan B Flex Schedule and social distancing measures. In the coming days, district and school staff will share more information on some of the logistical details of returning our students to school, from bus travel and routing to lunch service and health screenings. As local and state guidance and procedures are updated, or any other changes are made, they will be housed in our reopening guide and on our website. You can learn more at wataugaschools.org/coronavirus.
ED

SEPTEMBER 30

An Appalachian State student has died of COVID-19 complications. Media reports indicate 19 year old Chad Dorrill, from Ledford, a sophomore at App State, died Monday night at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem. The Piedmont Pacers travel basketball team, who Dorrill played for, released a statement on its Facebook page, including comments from Dorrill's mother Susan, who said that doctors explained the virus attacked his system in a way not seen before, and wanted to remind people to wear a mask and quarantine if you test positive even without symptoms. Davidson County Schools Superintendent Emily Lipe also issued a statement expressing sorrow at Dorrill's death. Dorrill was an all-conference basketball player and graduated Ledford Senior High School in Thomasville in 2019. AppHealthCare reported Monday nine deaths related to COVID-19 in Watauga, seven of them associated with a cluster of cases at Glenbridge Health and Rehabilitation. As of Tuesday afternoon, neither AppHealthCare nor the University had confirmed the death of a student.

Tuesday, there were 159 active cases among App State students. There have been a total of 561.

In Watauga, there were 216 active cases, a total of 1076, with 259 being actively monitored.

Ashe had 33 active cases, a total of 288, and 96 being monitored. Alleghany had 17 active cases, a total of 234, with 34 being monitored.

EH ED

Q3, 2020

NCNN Public Affairs Programming airs Saturday at 4:30 pm

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

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CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM

Content / Issues Descriptions Third Quarter, 2020

7-5

INTERVIEW WITH TOM JENSEN - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING

COVID-19, ECONOMY, HEALTH CARE, POLITICS, NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S RACE, PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL RATING, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES, POLITICAL IDEOLOGY, UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

Issues discussed: GA PA EH

7-12

INTERVIEW WITH JOSH STEIN – ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NORTH CAROLINA

COVID-19, JUDICIAL SYSTEM, ELECTIONS, SCAMS, PAYROLL PROTECTION PROGRAM, BROADBAND, ROBOCALLS, PARTISANSHIP, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUDGET, RACIAL EQUITY, INCOME INEQUALITY, SEXUAL ASSAULT KITS AND OPIOIDS.

Issues discussed: GA PA EH CR CD

7-19

INTERVIEW WITH ANDY ELLEN - PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

TAXATION, EDUCATION, REVENUE, COVID-19, PUBLIC SAFETY, ECONOMY, POPULATION DISPARITY, ONLINE COMMERCE, AND HEALTH CARE.

Issues discussed: GR EH CD

7-26

INTERVIEW WITH ERIC DAVIS - CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION, COVID-19, EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, ECONOMIC EQUALITY, DISTANCE LEARNING, TECHNOLOGY, BROADBAND ACCESS, AND RETAINING TEACHERS.

Issues discussed: ED

8-2

INTERVIEW WITH PAUL MEYER - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

REVENUE, COVID-19, INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING, ECONOMY, PUBLIC SAFETY, UTILITIES, DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION, BROADBAND, POPULATION GROWTH, AND TAXATION.

Issues discussed: GA GA CD HSM

8-9

INTERVIEW WITH STEVE TROXLER - NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

STATE FAIR, COVID-19, BUDGET, FINANCE, FOOD & RESTAURANTS, AGRICULTURE, TIMBER, FORESTRY, TAXATION, NATURAL DISASTERS, AND FARM BILL.

Issues discussed: GA GA HSM

8-16

INTERVIEW WITH DR. MANDY COHEN - NORTH CAROLINA SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

COVID-19, PUBLIC SAFETY, EDUCATION, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, POPULATION DISPARITY, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, VACCINATIONS, AND TRAVEL.

INTERVIEW WITH MACHELLE SANDERS - NORTH CAROLINA SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION RACE, POPULATION GROWTH, HEALTH CARE, CENSUS, TAXATION, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, COVID-19, ECONOMY, AND FINANCE.

Issues discussed: HSM ED GA ED

8-23

INTERVIEW WITH DALE FOLWELL - TREASURER OF NORTH CAROLINA COVID-19, TAXATION, STATE PENSION PLAN, STATE HEALTH PLAN, INTEREST RATES, TRANSPORTATION, BOND RATING, AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETS.

Issues discussed: GA EC GR

8-30

INTERVIEW WITH DR. MIKE WALDEN -

EMPLOYMENT, VACCINE, COVID-19, BROADBAND, JOB GROWTH, POPULATION GROWTH, ACADEMICS, EDUCATION, CONSUMER SPENDING, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, ECONOMY, AND INTEREST RATES.

Issues discussed: ED GR HSM EC

9-6

INTERVIEW WITH DR. SCOTT RALLS - PRESIDENT OF WAKE TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

EDUCATION, WAKE TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CURRICULUM, FUNDING, ONLINE EDUCATION, BROADBAND, FACULTY SALARY, BROADBAND ACCESS, AND COVID-19

Issues discussed: ED EH

9-13

INTERVIEW WITH DR. ANDY TAYLOR - PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT NC STATE UNIVERSITY

COVID-19, PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP, POLITICS, MILITARY, GOVERNOR'S RACE, EDUCATION, VACCINE, NORTH CAROLINA SENATE SEAT, DISASTER RELIEF, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ECONOMY, AND HEALTH CARE.

Issues discussed: ED HSM GA PA IA

9-20

INTERVIEW WITH BOB PHILLIPS - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMON CAUSE NC

MAIL-IN/ABSENTEE VOTING, ELECTIONS, POLITICS, REDISTRICTING, MEDIA, ADVERTISING, SUPER PACS, NEWSPAPERS, AND JOURNALISM.

Issues discussed: PA CR

9-27

INTERVIEW WITH REV. BRUCE STANLEY - PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

JUVENILE JUSTICE, COVID-19, FOSTER CARE, EDUCATION, ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE, MARIJUANA, CRIME, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TAXATION.