

## **WNMP Most Significant Issues 1st Quarter – January through March 2020**

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 meeting of the Pocahontas County Commission and reported the agenda for each meeting the day before. County Commission reports this quarter aired on 1/8, 1/23 (PMH loan), 1/24, 2/5, 2/20, 2/27 (Simmons v Commission), 3/4/20, and 3/24.

On 1/22, we aired a story about improvements to the county's 9-1-1 system.

### **Court /Crime/Breaking News**

#### **Election Stories**

#### **News Briefs**

On 3/9, we aired a news brief about the West Virginia response to a COVID-19 outbreak in the state.

### **Education**

We aired reports from Board of Education meetings this quarter and aired agendas for each meeting the day of the meeting. Board of Education reports this quarter aired on 1/13 (school wi-fi), 1/30, 2/26, 3/17, and 3/20 (Superintendent Beam on virus response).

### **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 air periodic features by volunteer reporter Jason Bauserman, our "Bartow Weatherman". He has been collecting weather information for many years, and his reports are a review of the weather conditions for the previous month. This quarter his reports ran on 1/7, 2/18, and 3/24.

We have been 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

On 3/11, 3/12 and 3/13 we aired a three-part interview with Mary Dawson of the Watoga State Park Foundation about their participation in a program to promote dark skies and lessen the effects on light pollution in this WV state park.

## **Community**

On 1/15, we aired a story about the WV Maple Days. This event occurs on two separate Saturdays in February and March and is celebrated at maple sugar producing camps all around the state of WV.

On 2/4, we aired a story about the Grow Appalachia program in Pocahontas County that instructs local residents on how to create and maintain their own garden.

On 3/16 we aired a story about the CDC offering funding to states, including Virginia and West Virginia to fight the COVID-19 virus.

On 3/30, we aired an interview with Laura Young about the Pocahontas County food pantry and their efforts to raise \$10,000.00 for a larger purchase of shelf stable food products for families. The need for food from the pantry is rising due to residents being laid off from work due to COVID-19.

## **People**

On 2/12, we aired a story about the US Census and the importance of residents getting their information entered to ensure proper representation.

## **Jobs and Development**

On 1/16, we aired an update on repairs/upgrades to the water plant in the Town of Marlinton.

On 2/7, we aired a story about the Pocahontas County Convention & Visitors Bureau receiving top tourism awards from the WV state tourism bureau for their work promoting the county.

## **Virginia Public Radio**

We have entered into an agreement with Virginia Public Radio to be able to rebroadcast stories produced by reporters who work for VPR. This gives AMR an additional source of well-produced state news. This quarter, these stories aired on 1/6, 1/7, 1/13, 1/16 (gun rally in Richmond), 1/22 (gun rally), and 2/12 (controlled burns).

## **West Virginia Public Radio**

We occasionally carry stories produced by West Virginia Public Broadcasting. During this quarter these stories aired on

## **Arts and Culture**

During this quarter we aired a movie review feature during Noon Hour Magazine on Monday's called *Reel Discovery*. This quarter the program aired 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, and 3/30.

This quarter we aired the arts and culture feature Allegheny Mountain Showcase and Arts Calendar, with its emphasis on local artists and events in the Allegheny highlands of the two Virginias. The Arts Calendar features a calendar of upcoming arts events. The Showcase focuses on a particular artist, group and venue. During this quarter this feature aired on 1/3/20, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, and 3/6. (Feature temporarily suspended due to COVID-19).

## **Public Service Announcements**

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

### **Education and Children**

### **Health and Human Resources**

Lung Cancer Screening	1/13 thru 2/15
Census Jobs	1/14 thru 2/15
PMH COVID-19 Restrictions	3/10 thru 3/31

### **Benefits and Fundraisers**

### **Art, Culture, and Recreation**

AMR No Volunteer Programming	3/25 thru 5/17
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