

**WVMR, WVMR-FM, WNMP, WDMT Most Significant Issues  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter – October Through December 2015**

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 10/9, 10/22, 11/4, 11/20, 12/8, and 12/21.

**Court /Crime/Breaking News**

On 11/24 we aired a story about a former Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Pocahontas County whose license to practice law has been annulled by the West Virginia Supreme Court due to misconduct while in office.

On 11/30 we aired a story about a fugitive who had been apprehended who was suspected of being involved in the killing of two people in the town of Marlinton. This was followed by a story on 12/2 that gave more detail about the double homicide of a former WV State Trooper and his wife in their Marlinton home.

On 12/17 we aired a story about a settlement reached with Frontier Communications to refund customers fees collected on broadband service when the customers were not receiving the upload and download speeds as promised by the company.

**Election Stories**

**News Briefs**

On 10/6 we aired a news brief about an upcoming power outage that will affect customers in some areas of Pocahontas County. This aired again closer to the date of the outage on 10/15.

## **Education**

We aired reports from Board of Education meetings this quarter and on 10/5, 10/12, 10/14, 10/23 (Green Bank LSIC), 10/28, 11/5 (Marlinton Elem LSIC), 11/12, 11/13, 11/25, 12/7, 12/11, and 12/17.

During this quarter we aired an Education feature on Friday's during Noon Hour Magazine. These features are based on interviews or reports generated both by AMR staff and students at the county schools in all three counties, such as The Spanish Corner, written and recorded by the Pocahontas County high school Spanish students. Each report or story is based on an educational theme. This quarter, this feature aired on 10/9 (Spanish Corner), 10/16 (Highland Schools Superintendent Thomas Schott), 10/23 (Spanish Corner), 10/30 (Marlinton Middle Journalism class), 11/6 (Spanish Corner), 11/13 (Marlinton Middle Journalism class), 11/20 (Spanish Corner), 11/27 (Bath High School students), 12/4 (BCHS students), 12/18 (Spanish Corner), and 12/24 (Highland high school government class).

On 10/26 we aired a story about an early learning reading program sponsored by the Board of Education to promote reading to young children.

On 11/11 we aired a story about new snow day bus routes that will go into effect beginning this winter.

On 11/17 we aired a interview with Pocahontas Schools Superintendent Terrance Beam about a grant applied the Board of Education applied for from the WV School Building Authority [SBA]. We continued to hear more about this grant in stories that aired on 12/29 and 12/30.

On 12/15 we aired a story about local high school student Tyler Owen who has received recommendations to West Point from both West Virginia Senators Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito.

On 12/23 we aired a story about computer science classes being offered at Pocahontas County high school, possibly the first high school in the state to do so.

## **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 also aired a weekly feature called Town and Country Topics, in which a representative from the Virginia Cooperative Extension shared news about agriculture-related topics in the listening area. During this quarter, these reports aired on 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, and 12/29.

We air a monthly feature 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 10/27, 11/18, and 12/9.

We began 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. Dominion Resources and Duke Energy, in partnership with two other companies are in the process of studying the feasibility of the pipeline. During this quarter, these stories covering events in both Pocahontas and Highland Counties ran on 10/30, 11/3, and 12/23.

On 11/11 we aired a story about an \$80,000.00 grant given to the West Virginia Rivers Coalition, a group dedicated to monitoring water quality across the state. The group is also supports the Birthplace of Rivers national monument proposal for Pocahontas County.

During this quarter, we aired stories about the 1985 flood that devastated a large part of the state, including the areas of Marlinton and Cass in Pocahontas County. These stories aired on 11/12, 11/19, and 11/26.

On 11/23 we aired a story about an upcoming well water clinic to education residents on how to keep their wells clean and healthy.

## **Community**

On 10/21 we aired a story about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 140 ft radio telescope, one of the first telescopes built and put into operation at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank.

On 10/29 we aired a short story about Halloween safety tips to keep kids and drivers safe during Trick or Treat hours in local towns.

## **People**

On 11/10 we aired a story about Veterans Day written and produced by the WMVR Radio club. The students in the club interviewed several Veterans and non-Veterans to find out what Veterans Days means to them.

On 12/24 we aired a story about Seasonal Affective Disorder and how people can combat the effects of the disorder.

### **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 10/2, 10/8, 10/13, 10/15, 10/19, 10/29, 11/5, 11/9, 11/27, 12/9, and 12/18.

### **West Virginia Public Radio**

We occasionally air stories produced by West Virginia Public Radio. Like the stories from VPR, these stories give AMR an additional source of well-produced state news. This quarter, these stories aired on

### **Jobs and Development**

### **Arts and Culture**

During this quarter we aired a Noon Hour Magazine feature on the Monday program called *Reel Discovery*, a movie review feature. This quarter the program aired on 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, and 12/28.

On 10/7 we aired a story about the Civil War reenactment of the Battle of Droop Mountain in southern Pocahontas County.

On 10/15 we aired a story about the Confederate Flag, the recent controversy surrounding the flag and how residents have reacted to the national discussion of this flag.

On 10/16 we aired a story about the Mountain Music Trail premiere at the Pocahontas County Opera House. The MMT focuses on the musicians and musical heritage that follows US Rt 39 in Virginia and West Virginia.

On 10/21 we aired a profile of the group Lone Raven, a Celtic musical group playing at the Pocahontas County Opera House, a nonprofit performance space.

**Public Service Announcements**

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

**Education and Children**

WVU Extension Agritourism Course	10/22 thru 11/15
Halloween Safety Tips	10/27 thru 10/31

**Health and Human Resources**

North Central Community Action – Veterans Services 10/26 thru 11/30

**Benefits and Fundraisers**

AMR Pledge Confirmation	10/25 thru 11/30
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**Art, Culture, and Recreation**

Marlinton Christmas Parade	11/25 thru 12/5
Durbin Christmas Parade	11/25 thru 12/4