

WVMR, WVMR-FM, WNMP, WDMT Most Significant Issues 2nd Quarter – April Through June 2013

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 4/4 (abolishment of comp time), 4/18 (security), 5/8 (contribution requests), 6/4 (commissioner appointment), 6/6 (courthouse security measures), 6/12 (new commissioner chosen), and 6/18 (phone book complaints).

Court /Crime

On 4/19, we aired a story about additional charges of sexual misconduct being brought against former Pocahontas sheriff's deputy Brad C. Totten.

On 4/23, we aired a story about indictments handed down by the Pocahontas grand jury during their April session.

Election Stories

On 6/13, we aired a story about the town council and mayoral elections in the town of Durbin in northern Pocahontas County.

News Briefs

On 4/15, we aired a story about a scam in which a third party is calling local telephone Customers and insinuating that the phone company has merged with another company and that the customer needs to update their billing information. According to the phone company, this is simply an attempt to add third party charges to the customer's phone bill.

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 5/17, and 6/20.

On 4/3, we aired a story about a generous legacy donation made to the Hillsboro library in southern Pocahontas county. A 50,000.00 bequest was left to the library by a recently deceased long time resident of the area. The money will go towards a much needed expansion of the library.

On 4/22, we aired a story about a mobile Agriculture lab that visited the Green Bank Elementary school. The mobile lab teaches students about agriculture and good soil management and includes many hands on activities.

On 5/3, we aired a story about Pocahontas high school kids experiencing the dangers of texting while driving via a simulation brought to the school.

On 5/20, we aired an interview with the 2013 winner of the Loren Buzzard scholarship.

On 6/24, we aired a story about updates at the One Room University in Marlinton.

On 6/28, we aired a story about school clothing vouchers applications being available for low income families through the West Virginia dept of Human Resources.

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 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/28, 6/6, 6/11, 6/18, and 6/25.

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 4/10, 5/9, and 6/13.

On 4/2, we aired a story about a community workshop to teach growers how to graft apple trees.

On 4/16, we aired a story about Point of View farm in Pocahontas county – owner Joel Rosenthal takes in a lot of wild baby animals that have been abandoned or orphaned in one way or another.

On 4/23, we aired a story about a wild edibles workshop held at the Hillsboro library.

Community

On 4/4, we aired a story about the election of new board members to the Pocahontas Communications Cooperative Corp, the board that oversees operations for the Allegheny Mountain Radio network.

On 4/17, we aired a interview with John Slice, who is working to raise money to build a skate park in Marlinton.

On 4/19, we aired a story about a Vietnam War memorial on tour throughout West Virginia that honors WV citizens who died in that war.

On 4/24, we aired a story about two local artists, Woody Harmon and Tom Clevenger, whose work has recently been juried into Tamarack, a showcase for artists from across West Virginia.

On 4/25, we aired a story to promote a women's build day sponsored by the Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity organization. They are planning to build three houses in Durbin during 2013. We followed up with a story about the event on 5/14.

On 4/29, we aired a story about a community garden being started at the Pearl S. Buck birthplace in Hillsboro.

On 5/2, we aired a preview of the Great Greenbrier River Race, an annual triathlon type race held each year in the town of Marlinton.

On 5/13, we aired a story about an NBC news crew visiting the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank to do a story about the Green Bank telescope and the quiet zone.

On 6/13, we aired a story about an fundraiser auction to raise money to complete some projects at the community wellness center in Marlinton.

On 6/0, we aired a story about the 7th annual Millpoint Scrabble tournament, a yearly tradition that honors a woman who taught many generations of women how to play the challenging word game.

On 6/26, we aired a story about the state of bridges in Pocahontas county.

People

On 4/11, we aired the first of a two part interview with the new president of New River Community and Technical College. The second part of the interview aired on 4/12.

On 5/2, we aired an interview with a Pocahontas county high school student who has produced a zombie film as part of a high school class project. On 6/7, we aired a follow up story about the premiere for the film.

On 5/10, we aired a story about Lucille Withers, a long time supporter of AMR who praised and financially supported everyone who worked or volunteered for the station. She is greatly missed.

On 5/13, we aired a story about a group of National Civilian Community Corps volunteers who have been working on various projects in Pocahontas county.

On 6/21, we aired a story about a new nurse practitioner in Pocahontas county.

Jobs and Development

On 4/26, we aired a story about a new business, Burton's Thrift Shop that has just opened in Hillsboro.

Arts and Culture

We air a periodic feature called the Traveling Rt 219 project in which we hear interviews and stories from those who grew up or live on US Rt 219 that winds its way from Virginia through West Virginia and on to Maryland. During this quarter, these stories aired on 4/12, 4/26, 5/17, 5/24, 6/12, 6/21, and 6/28.

On 4/5, we aired an interview with Nora Jane Struthers and her band, a group playing at the Pocahontas Opera House, an historic performance space in Marlinton that is also a non-profit.

On 4/9, we aired a story about the progress being made on the Pocahontas County Quilt Trail, a series of wooden quilt squares to be placed on barns and other buildings around the county as part of a tourist attraction.

On 4/9, we aired a story about an art contest open to children and youth in West Virginia to encourage art projects celebrating the sesquicentennial of the state.

On 6/11, we aired a story about the second annual NRAO Space Race Rumpass, a weekend cycling event that raises money for the non-profit Green Bank wellness center.

On 6/17, we aired a story about several planned hikes on Droop Mountain in celebration of the sesquicentennial of West Virginia's statehood and the Battle of Droop Mountain during the Civil War.

On 6/19, we aired an audio postcard of the 50th anniversary of the first passenger train at Cass State Scenic Park.

On 6/25, we aired a story about the annual Allegheny Echoes workshops that teach poetry and old time music skills.

On 6/26, we aired a story on the Red Wing Roots festival, a new three day music festival scheduled to be held in Natural Chimney, VA in July.

On 6/27, we aired a story about the events at the Little Levels Heritage Fair in Hillsboro.

Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

ORU Developmental Math Classes	4/18 thru 5/20
Pocahontas HS STEM Scholarship	4/26 thru 6/1
Americorps Mentor	4/29 thru 5/11

Health and Human Resources

Drug Take Back Day	4/22 thru 4/27
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Benefits and Fundraisers

Hillsboro library book sale	6/18 thru 6/29
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Art, Culture, and Recreation

Volunteer deejays wanted	4/29 thru 5/11
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