

WVMR,WVMR-FM, WNMP, WDMT Most Significant Issues 2nd Quarter – April Through June 2017

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 4/10, 4/27, 5/5, 5/18, 6/15, and 6/27.

Court /Crime/Breaking News

On 5/10, we aired a story about a settlement agreement brokered by the WV Attorney General with Frontier Communications to refund money back to WV residents who paid for broadband service they did not receive. Frontier has also pledged to improve broadband service in the state as part of the settlement.

Election Stories

News Briefs

On 4/7, we aired a news brief about upcoming planned prescribed burns in the Monogahela National Forest.

On 5/5, we aired a news brief about an upcoming planned power outage affecting Mon Power customers.

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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 4/5, 4/13, 4/28, 5/12, 6/1, 6/13, 6/14, 6/22, and 6/23.

On 5/26, we aired a story about several Pocahontas County high school students named as Super Scholars.

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 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, and 6/27.

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 4/21, and 5/16.

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 both Pocahontas and Highland Counties ran on 5/26, 6/6 and 6/9.

On 5/8, we aired a story about the West Virginia Rivers Conference.

Community

On 4/11, we aired a report from Cara Rose, Executive Director of the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau about upcoming events throughout the county.

On 4/19, we aired an interview with a doctor from the local hospital talking about the importance of organ donation.

On 5/2, we aired a story about a Wound Care clinic opening at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital and about the specialized training required for the doctor and nurse who will be primarily responsible for caring for its patients.

On 5/22, we aired a story about an open house for Fort Warwick, an archeological site in northern Green Bank. Many early Indian artifacts have been discovered during digs at the site.

On 3/28, we aired a story about an upcoming youth health fair at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital offering sports physicals and other checkups at a reduced price.

On 6/30, we aired a story about the Richwood Scenic Mountain Triathlon that has been held every year for over 30 years. Richwood was severely affected by the June 2016 flooding and the triathlon is an important symbol of the town’s recovery efforts.

People

Jobs and Development

On 4/12, we aired a story about the parent company of Snowshoe Mountain Resort (Intrawest) being sold to another company. Snowshoe is one of the largest employers in Pocahontas 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 4/3, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/12, 5/18, 5/26, 5/30, 6/9, and 6/16.

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

Arts and Culture

During this quarter we began airing a new feature during Noon Hour Magazine on the Monday program, *Reel Discovery*, a movie review feature. This quarter the program aired on 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/21, 4/28, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, and 6/26.

On 5/4, we aired a story about a play produced by a local playwright and presented at the Pocahontas Opera House.

Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

Health and Human Resources

WV Rivers Coalition Event	4/19 thru 4/27
Space Race Rumpus	6/1 thru 6/11
Elder Abuse Awareness	6/16 thru 6/30

Benefits and Fundraisers

Art, Culture, and Recreation

Farmers and Ranchers Earth Day Recognition	4/12 thru 4/22
Pocahontas Opera House Play	4/27 thru 5/20
Buffalo Lake Fishing Derby	5/1 thru 5/12
Best of Birthplace of Rivers Weekend	5/10 thru 5/21
Mon Forest Scenic Drive Day	5/30 thru 6/17
Little Levels Heritage Fair	6/9 thru 6/25
Pioneer Days Festival	6/26 thru 7/9