

Issues/Programs List

Quarterly Issues/Programs List for WMNC AM, & FM

October 1st – December 31st, 2023

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Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

A. Health: Coronavirus numbers are declining, although it continues to be both virulent and deadly for the people of the Unifour area. Other serious health issues including seasonal flu, RSV, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and COPD remain present in large numbers in the Unifour. Also added to health is mental health, especially youth and veteran mental health.

Economy: Inflation has hit every aspect of life for Unifour area residents. Rising gasoline prices, rent and housing increases, groceries and, energy price increases and new and used vehicle increases have erased any pay increases of the past couple of years and reduced the spendable income for many individuals. In addition, a labor shortage persists in the area causing shortened hours for some businesses. Supply chain issues are also effecting the economic development of the area.

Drug Epidemic: Drug usage has caused multiple problems in the Unifour area. Areas affected include increased property crimes, increase in the number of foster children, and the need for more and better treatment programs. Specifically, opioid addictions, as well as other drugs, have become a major problem in the Unifour Area.

Aging: The population of the Unifour area continues to grow older and as a result programs for older citizens are in need. The coronavirus and subsequent lockdown, resulted in the cancellation of many programs that provided older adults informational as well as social outlets.

Section II. Responsive Programs

A: Health:

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on October 18th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Caldwell County Health officials have announced an increase in cryptosporidium commonly known as Crypto. These parasites can be found on surfaces, hands, or in food and water that have been contaminated with human or animal feces. Symptoms of Crypto begin two to ten days after exposure and last one to two weeks. Hand washing is the best prevention for Crypto.

“WMNC Local News” - Broadcast on October 26th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration -30 seconds per newscast. The CDC reminds people to remain current with flu, RSV and Covid-19 vaccines. The nation is still at low levels of flu and relatively low for Covid-19, although about 400 North Carolinians have died of COVID in just the last three months. The virus that is spreading is specifically impacting those over 65.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on October 27th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The McDowell Sheriff’s Office is teaming with Marion Police and Mission Hospital to host a pill take-back event Saturday. The event will be in front of Mission Hospital from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. Residents are urged to check medicine cabinets and reach out to others to inform them of the pill take back event.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 2nd, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. McDowell County EMS will no longer transport patients to an Asheville Hospital. On November 6th, officials are placing a 45 day pause on non-emergent transports to Mission Hospital in Asheville.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 3rd, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Two convicted drug dealers from Hickory have been sentenced to lengthy prison terms. A 45 year old male was sentenced to 7 years in prison after pleading guilty to the possession of around one thousand fentanyl pills. A 48 year old male will serve five years following a guilty plea to meth possession.

“WMNC Announcement” – Broadcast on November 7th, 2023. 6 a.m. Duration – 90 seconds. Brandi Silver FCS Extension Agent for Burke County did a program on Holiday Healthy habits.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 15th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Another NC resident has died from flu-related causes last week bringing the state to four deaths for the flu season. Flu positive cases are up 84 percent over the previous week. Figures show three of the deaths were from people over the age of 65 while one death was between the ages of 25 and 49 years.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 22nd, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Health officials have reported the first pediatric flu-related death of this year’s flu season. The child, living in western NC passed away from complications associated with the influenza infection. Officials say there has been a rise in flu cases in recent weeks, along with rising RSV and Covid-19 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 7th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Two more adults have died in NC since late November because of the flu. The deaths bring the total to 9 since October. Deaths among those 65 and older lead age groups currently with five deaths.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 14th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration- 20 seconds per newscast. North Carolina health officials have reported 5 new flu deaths raising the toll to 14. There has been a 56 percent spike in flu hospitalizations in the past week. Deaths among the 65 plus residents continue to lead all groups with a total of ten.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 18th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The CDC reports a rise in respiratory illness, especially among children. More than 15 states are seeing high or very high levels of RSV and NC and SC are in the category. One Charlotte children’s hospital reports it is presently at full capacity because of RSV.

“WMNC Announcements” – Broadcast on December 19th, 2023. 6:00a. Duration – 90 seconds. Brandi Silver the FCS Agent for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Burke Center addressed how to have healthy habits to limit stress and anxiety during the holidays.

“WMNC Remote Broadcast” – Broadcast on December 19th 1pm-3pm. WMC provided a two hour remote broadcast on site at Foothills Dermatology to discuss skin cancers and the increasing dangers of skin problems. Drs. Kim and Anna Edgehard were interviewed.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 26th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast, The CDC reports a spike in various illnesses across nine states including NC. NC, in particular, is reporting a substantial rise in cases with Emergency Department and medical facilities experiencing an influx of patients showing severe symptoms. Officials continue to stress the importance of vaccinations, proper hygiene and public awareness to combat the continued rise in sickness.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 28th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Eight more people have died of the flu in NC bringing the total to 30 flu deaths. For the first time since before Covid began in 2020, more people in NC hospitals are being treated for the flu than for Covid 19. Those hospitalizations are primarily 70 or older, but more than a dozen children are hospitalized with the flu.

B: Economy:

“WMNC Announcements”– Broadcast October 1st – December 31st, 2023. Duration – 30 seconds per announcement. Times - 6 a..m. till 8 p.m. Frequency – 225 ads per month, WMNC AM & FM. Monday through Saturday. Announcements of jobs available through Queen Transportation in Hickory. Rate of pay and work benefits also included.

“WMNC Announcements” – Broadcast October 1st – December 31st, 2023. Duration – 30 seconds per announcement. Times – 6a-7p. Frequency -225 ads per month. Announcement from Leviton Corporation as they seek employees for their Morganton plant.

“WMNC Announcements” – Broadcast October 1st – December 31st, 2023. Duration – 30 seconds per announcement times – 6a to 7p, Frequency 175 ads per month. Bumgarner Propane is seeking employees for all aspects of their business.

“WMNC Announcements” – Broadcast October 1st – December 31st, 2023. Duration – 30 seconds per announcement. Times 6a-7p. Frequency – 225 ads per month. NCDPS is seeking employees in the area for all aspects of their business.

“WMNC Announcements” – Broadcast October 1st – December 31st, 2023. Duration – 60 seconds. Times - 6a-7p. Frequency – 225 ads per month. Case Farms is seeking employees for their Morganton operation. All shifts are needed.

“WMNC Announcements” – Broadcast October 1st – December 31st, 2023. Duration – 60 seconds. Times – 6a-7p.m. Frequency- 225 ads per month. Sandstone Healthcare is seeking employees for their healthcare businesses including nursing and rehabilitative homes.

“WMNC Announcements” – Broadcast October 1st – December 31st, 2023. Duration – 20 seconds. Times - 6a-7pm. Frequency – 125 ads per month. Paramount Automotive is seeking employees at all of their businesses.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on October 2nd, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Up to 30 new jobs are projected for a local company. The sock company broke ground on a new 60 thousand square foot facility in Burke County last month. New jobs will be added over the next five years.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast October 16th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A non-profit located in Burke County has just received a 10 million dollar grant to boost industry and green manufacturing. The money will create over 30 new jobs and will further help hundreds of students and workers to receive training about advanced manufacturing.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 10th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A fiber optic cable manufacture based in Hickory has moved it’s corporate headquarters to Claremont. CommScope is now located off US Highway 70. The company attributes higher interest rates, inflation and concern about a global economic slow-down as factors in the decline for demand.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 15th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. An area poultry processing plant, Tyson Farms, has laid off at least 250 employees at its’ Wilkesboro facility. The company also

plans to close production plants in Jacksonville, Florida and Columbia, S.C. Tyson reports the job cuts were related to lower customer demand for poultry products.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 16th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A minimum of 10 jobs are coming to the area. Wanzl North America is investing 15 million over the next 3years at their Catawba County facility in Newton. The average salary for the new jobs will be over 52 thousand a year.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 17th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Manufacturing and shipping is expected to restart at a Taylorsville plant. Surya has acquired Mitchell Gold and Bob Williams brand in Alexander County and will reintroduce the furniture brand. Many jobs will be brought back with shipping expected to begin in the first quarter of 2024.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 4th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The unemployment numbers for the month of October are up slightly in the area. Burke’s rate was 3.3%, Catawba’s rate was 3.2% and Caldwell’s rate was 3.3%. The NC state rate was also up to 3.3%.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 7th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Figures show the number of businesses announcing layoffs in NC has more than doubled this year. 98 companies have laid off staff in the state this year, resulting in over 86 hundred job losses. This is more than double last year’s figures.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 7th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. 48 new jobs are coming to Catawba County. Governor Roy Cooper’s office announced that Millwork and Panel, a residential siding manufacturer will invest 14 million over the next three years to the operations in Claremont. The average salary of the jobs will be over 58 thousand dollars.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 21st, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. CommScope building has been sold to Soma Church. Soma is currently operating out of Hollar Mills. CommScope has relocated their headquarters to Claremont.

C: Drug Epidemic:

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on October 4th. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Meth charges have been filed against a 27 year old Lenoir woman. She was jailed under a twenty five thousand dollar bond. A second group

of meth charges were filed in Catawba County against a 27 year old Hickory man. He faces possession of meth charges on November 9th.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast October 5th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds. A 46 year old Glen Alpine man has been arrested with 12 grams of meth after a traffic stop in Morganton. He faces felony possession of a schedule II controlled substance as well as other charges. He was jailed under a thirty thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on October 6th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 112n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Bond was set at twenty thousand dollars for a 52 year old Lenoir man. He faces felony probation violations stemming from a conviction of possession of a schedule II controlled substance.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on October 10th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Meth charges were filed against a 41 year old Granite Falls man. He was placed in the Caldwell County Detention Facility under no bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on October 10th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Rutherford County man has been found guilty of mailing drugs that reportedly killed an Iowa resident. The 38 year old Lake Lure man was convicted for mailing heroin and fentanyl that killed a man on November 18th, 2021. The man allegedly used social media platforms and the dark web to arrange drug transactions.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on October 10th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County authorities seized a sizeable amount of drugs at a convenience center over the weekend. 9 kilos of meth was found inside a vehicle parked at Loves travel center on Highway 10 west. A 47 year old Norcross Georgia man and a 41 year old Georgia woman were arrested and jailed under one hundred fifty thousand dollar bonds.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on October 11th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Bond was set at two hundred fifty thousand dollars for a 42 year old Newton man charged with trafficking opium or heroin. He was jailed in the Catawba County Detention Center.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on October 12th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A 32 year old Maiden man was arrested on failure to appear on possession of meth charges. He was jailed under a one hundred thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” - Broadcast on October 13th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Fentanyl charges have been filed against a 34 year old Vale man. 65 grams of fentanyl was seized during a search of his residence.

He was placed under a two hundred fifteen thousand dollar bond. Possession of meth charges were filed against a 32 year old Granite Falls man. He was jailed under a twenty-five thousand dollar bond.

“**Local News**” – Broadcast on October 17th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A search of a local residence turned up drugs and guns resulting in the arrest of a 57 year old Morganton man. 1.7 grams of powdered cocaine, 6 grams of crack cocaine, 155 grams of marijuana, marijuana plants and 13 firearms were discovered. He was jailed in Burke County under a forty thousand dollar bond.

“**WMNC Local News**” – Broadcast on October 17th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A 53 year old Lenoir woman faces felony possession of meth.. She was jailed in Caldwell County under no bond.

“**WMNC Local News**” – Broadcast on October 18th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A 29 year old Morganton woman faces felony possession o meth charges after 9 grams of meth were seized after a welfare check. She was jailed in Burke County. A Marion couple is charged with drug related offenses following a search of their residence. The 39 year old man and 39 year old woman were charged with possession of marijuana and manufacturing of marijuana. His bond was set at six thousand dollars and hers at twenty-thousand dollars.

“**WMNC Local News**” – Broadcast on October 19th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Cleveland and Rutherford county authorities joined together to seize drugs and weapons. 625 grams of meth were found on a Cleveland resident in Rutherford County after a traffic stop. Four firearms were seized at his residence in Cleveland County. He was jailed under a two hundred thousand dollar bond.

“**WMNC Local News**” – Broadcast October 19th. 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration –60 seconds per newscast.. Drug charges have been filed against a 40 year old Morganton man. He was jailed under a three thousand dollar secured bond after he was charged with felony possession.

“**WMNC Local News**” – Broadcast on October 20th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A South Carolina residence was jailed under a one hundred twenty-five thousand dollar bond by Lenoir Police after he was found with meth and other drugs. He is also awaiting extradition to South Carolina where he faces a failure to appear on drug charges warrant. Bond was set at twenty-five thousand dollars for a 35 year old Lenoir woman who faces felony possession of schedule II controlled substance. A 32 year old Morganton woman faces a string of drug charges after investigators found 78 grams of meth, 3.4 grams of fentanyl and 2 grams of marijuana. She was placed in the Burke County Jail under no bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on October 24th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Meth charges were brought against a 45 year old woman. She faces possession of meth charges and was jailed under a six thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on October 25th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Bond was set at 73 thousand dollars for a 37 year old Morganton man arrested for trafficking in meth by Hickory police. A trial was scheduled for today.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on October 26th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. An undercover operation in eastern Burke county revealed a sizeable drug seizure and the arrest of a 49 year old Connelly Springs man. He was issued a twenty thousand dollar secured bond. He had been arrested numerous times and now is currently under a total of 270 thousand dollars in bonds.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast October 26th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A traffic stop in Alexander County has led to the arrest of a 36 year old Taylorsville woman on possession of meth, marijuana and drug paraphernalia. She was jailed under a ten thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on October 27th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Bond was set at one hundred fifty thousand dollars for a 48 year old Lenoir man facing possession of meth charges. He remains in jail without bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 2nd, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A local man identified as homeless is arrested twice by Burke County lawmen for drug possession. The man was found with 6 point 5 grams of meth and several weapons. His bond was set at 40 thousand dollars. He was spotted again with officers finding more than half a pound o meth and digital scales. He was jailed a second time with no bond.

“WMNC Local News”- Broadcast on November 2nd, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A 38 year old Hickory man has been arrested and charged with felony possession of schedule II controlled substance among other charges. He was jailed under a five thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 3rd, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Meth charges were filed against a 32 year old Newton man. He was placed in the Catawba County Detention Facility under no bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 6th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Alexander County deputies arrest a 34 year old woman and 22 year old man on drug charges. The 34 year old was charged with

numerous drug charges and jailed under a 25 thousand dollar bond. The 22 year old was charged with fentanyl possession and jailed under a 20 thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 7th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A 34 year old Hickory man was sentenced to a prison term for his role in meth trafficking in Catawba and Caldwell Counties. Records show he operated as a major supplier of meth.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 7th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 pm. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Lincolnton man has been issued a 1 million dollar bond after an extensive narcotic investigation in Lincoln County. Reports say undercover officers were able to purchase meth, fentanyl and guns from the 44 year old man. Authorities seized 300 grams of meth, 100 grams of fentanyl and ten guns during the drug bust.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 8th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Marion woman was charged with fentanyl possession after a search of her car turned up fentanyl. The 47 year old was jailed under a twenty thousand dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 9th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Hudson woman will serve 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to drug charges. The 27 year old will also have to pay a mandatory fine of one hundred thousand dollars.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 9th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A 950 thousand dollar grant funded by the US Department of Justice will allow the expansion of the Catawba Valley Veteran’s Treatment Court to Burke and Caldwell County. Reports say 18 people are currently in Catawba’s program with 10 individuals successfully having graduated from the court.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 14th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Meth charges were filed against a 38 year old Granite Falls man. He was placed in the Caldwell Jail under no bond. Bond was set at \$14,500 for a 48 year old Hickory man charged with possession of cocaine.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 13th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A 26 year old Hickory woman faces heroin charges. She was placed in the Catawba County Detention Facility under no bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 15th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A disturbance call in McDowell County turns into drug charges for an Old Fort man. The 32 year old was found with meth. He was issued a five thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 15th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Bond was set at one hundred three thousand dollars for a 43 year old Newton man facing drug possession charges. He was jailed under no bond. Bond was set at 75 thousand dollars in Caldwell County. The 30 year old was arrested by Granite Falls police on felony possession of meth charges. He was placed in the Caldwell County Detention Facility.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 16th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Multiple charges have been filed against a 33 year old Hickory woman including possession of meth. She was jailed under a 25 thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 17th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Two men face drug charges after McDowell authorities searched an Old Fort home. A 38 year old man was charged with felony possession of meth and jailed under a ten thousand dollar secured bond. A 32 year old man was found with marijuana and was issued a five thousand dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 21st, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. McDowell County authorities discover a woman in possession of drugs after a call to a Nebo residence. The 46 year old woman was in possession of meth and was issued a 75 hundred dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 22nd, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Morganton man was arrested on drug charges in Hickory. The 39 year old was charged with felony trafficking opium or heroin and jailed under a 200 thousand dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on November 22nd, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration- 30 seconds per newscast. Morganton Department of Public Safety responded to a suspicious vehicle call and arrested the 36 year old female in he car on narcotics charges. She was found with meth and fentanyl among other charges and issued a fifteen thousand dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 4th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. An inmate housed at the Iredell County detention center has died from an apparent fentanyl overdose. The man was jailed without bond on several felony drug charges. An autopsy revealed an additional powdery substance hidden inside Stevenson’s body.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 4th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A court date was set for a 29 year old Hickory man facing possession of meth charges. He was jailed under a twenty thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 5th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A 33 year old Hildebran man has been placed in the Alexander Detention Center on charges of delivering meth, felony possession of a schedule 4 controlled substance and other drug charges. He was also charged with breaking and entering a motor vehicle in Alexander County.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 5th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A 49 year old Valdese man has been arrested in Morganton for possession to manufacture, sell and deliver meth. 17 grams of meth was found in a vehicle stopped for equipment violations. He is jailed under a ten thousand dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 6th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Bond was set at seventy thousand dollars for a 30 year old Granite Falls man. He was arrested on failure to appear on possession of meth charges.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 7th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Meth charges were filed against a 44 year old Caldwell County man. He was placed in the Caldwell County Detention Facility under a fifty thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 13th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A weekend traffic stop in Iredell county reveals enough fentanyl to reportedly kill nearly 77 million people; that is more than twice NC’s population. A 44 and 33 year old from Mexico were arrested after a stop of a Freightliner tractor trailer on I-77. The estimated value of the drugs was three point seven million dollars. Both were jailed under three and a half million dollar bonds each.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 13th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Drug charges have been filed against a 23 year old Morganton woman. She faces possession of a schedule II controlled substance and was jailed under a five thousand dollar bond. A 42 year old Hickory man faces heroin possession charges. He was jailed in Catawba County under no bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast December 14th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Drug trafficking charges were filed against a 42 year old Asheville man. He faces trafficking in meth charges. He was jailed under a twenty-nine thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 15th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Multiple charges were filed against a 34 year old Burke County woman. She faces felony possession of meth. She was placed in the Burke County Jail under no bond.

“WMNC Local News: - Broadcast on December 15th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Bessemer City woman has been arrested on drug charges. The 53 year old was allegedly selling large amounts of hydrocodone in and around Lincoln County. She was placed in custody under a three hundred thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 15th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, and 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A convicted fentanyl dealer in Catawba County has been sentenced to a prison term of 8 years. The 33 year old plead guilty to drug distribution charges.

“WMNC Local News” Broadcast on December 18th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County deputies nab a Valdese man in Drexel and charge him with drug trafficking. The 54 year old was found with 4 grams of fentanyl. He was jailed under a fifty thousand dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 18th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Meth charges were filed against a 30 year old Granite Falls man. He was jailed under a five thousand dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 21st, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A 48 year old woman, arrested by Hickory Police for felony possession of meth and other drug charges is in the Catawba County Detention Facility under no bond. Bond was set for a 46 year old Hickory man arrested for drug trafficking in Mecklenburg County. His bond was set at ten thousand dollars.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 26th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Taylorsville woman arrested on Christmas Eve has been charged with drug possession. The 29 year old was jailed under a ten thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 26th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Meth charges were filed against a 44 year old Granite Falls woman. She was arrested by the Caldwell County Sheriff’s Office and her court date is January 8th.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 28th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Taylorsville man was arrested on felony drug charges. The 44 year old was jailed in the Alexander Detention Center under a fifteen thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 27th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Morganton woman is facing meth charges. The 33 year old was arrested by Burke County Sheriff’s Office. She was jailed in the Burke County Jail under ten thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 28th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Meth charges were filed against a 26 year old Lenoir man. He faces felony possession of meth. He was given a custody release with a court date scheduled for February 5th.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 29th, 2023. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Multiple charges were filed against a 33 year old Morganton man. He faces meth possession and was jail under a thirteen thousand dollar bond.

D: Aging:

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast October 1st-October 10th 12th, 2023.. Frequency – 5 times per day each station. Times – various. Duration – 30 seconds. Announcement of the Hickory Foothills ACAP meeting. October 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the Catawba County Library Main Branch. The topic is taking control of medications.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast November 1st-November 14th, 2023. Duration – 30 seconds. Frequency– 5 times per station each day. Times- Various. Announcement of the Hickory Foothills ACAP meeting on November 14th at 5:30 p.m, at the Catawba County Library Main Branch. The topic is keeping older loved ones engaged in life.

“WMNC PSA’s”– Broadcast December 1st– December 12th, 2023.. Duration – 30 seconds. Times-various. Frequency 5 times per day each station. Announcement of the Hickory Foothills ACAP meeting December 12th 5:30 p.m. at the Main Branch of the Catawba County Library. The topic is Aging: The next stage of life.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on December 26th, 2023. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. The NC Missing Persons has issued an alert for a missing Avery County 71 year old man. The man was last seen at Lowes Hardware in Banner Elk. Officials say he likely suffers from cognitive impairment. He is driving a 2019 silver Subaru Forester with NC license plate number FFH-3876.