

Issues/Programs List

Quarterly Issues/Programs List for WMNC AM & FM

July 1st - September 30th, 2020

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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 becomes the main health concern of the people of the Unifour area as well as throughout the country. A number of measures are enacted to help protect the population, but numbers increase in all of the counties, as other serious health issues still remain.
- B. Economic Impact of Coronavirus:** Measures enacted to fight the spread of the coronavirus results in unemployment for a large number of the population in the Unifour area. As the shutdown continues, food, utilities, rent, house payments, insurance and other necessary living expenses become harder to come by for most families.
- C. 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.
- D. 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 Special Programming” – Broadcast on July 14th, 2020. Duration – 1 hour. Time 3:00p.m.-4:00p.m. Frequency – Once on both stations. Broadcast of Governor Roy Cooper’s coronavirus press conference in which he addressed the opening of schools in the fall. North Carolina will use a hybrid of in class with all coronavirus conditions or remote learning. The choice will be up to parents and school boards.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 1st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County has 22 additional cases of Covid-19 bringing the county’s total to 1048. Today marks the highest single-day increase of Covid-19 cases across NC.

“WMNC Local News” - Broadcast on July 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration -30 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 1060 cases of the covid-19 virus/ Burke County public health officials continue to discourage residents from gathering together in large groups for the upcoming 4th of July holiday.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Catawba County has added 17 new Covid 19 cases for a total of 842. 12 new cases were added to Caldwell County yesterday bringing the total to 424 and McDowell County reported six new cases yesterday. The McDowell Total is now 224.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Lincoln County business owner has been charged with violating the mandated face covering order. Jonathan Burton, who owns Burton Farms General Store, was charged on a criminal summons for violating the governor’s Executive Order.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County Public Health officials are investigating a Covid-19 outbreak at a long term care facility; the county’s fifth such outbreak at a congregate care facility.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County added 56 new cases of Covid-19 yesterday bringing the total to 898. Caldwell County added 45 new cases and McDowell County added 5 new cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The City of Morganton will hold its fireworks show July 4th at Freedom Park. Citizens will need to watch the fireworks show from nearby areas where they can park and watch the show from their car.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 6th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The Burke County Health Department says 1092 residents have tested positive for the coronavirus. Caldwell County now has 510; Catawba County has 971 positive coronavirus cases. And McDowell County has 240.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 7th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Caldwell County is reporting another outbreak in the County since the corona virus was first seen in March. The outbreak is at

the NC Department of Public Safety's Caldwell Correctional Center. The county now has 519 cases. Catawba has 1,011 and McDowell has 248.

"WMNC Local News" – Broadcast on July 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Health is reporting 1093 positive cases of Covid-19. Of those cases, 236 remain active, 7 are hospitalist and 836 are presumed recovered. Catawba County now has 1011 cases and McDowell County has 248.

"WMNC Local News" – Broadcast on July 8th, 2020, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 60 seconds per newscast. This is the 3rd straight day of record-high Covid-19 hospitalizations in the state. Burke County now has 1116 cases. Residents are also warned about methanol, a toxic alcohol that can contaminate hand sanitizers. Caldwell County has been notified of two Covid-19 related deaths. They now have 526 cases. McDowell County now has 256.

"WMNC Local News" – Broadcast on July 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County Public Health is investigating another outbreak of Covid-19 at a Newton long term care facility. 3 residents and two staff members at Abernathy Laurels have tested positive for the virus. This is the sixth congregate care facility outbreak indentified in Catawba County.

"WMNC Local News" – Broadcast on July 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A third Covid-19 outbreak has been confirmed in Caldwell County. Two employees at Hickory Falls Health and Rehabilitation tested positive for Covid-19. In addition there are now 40 residents and 18 employees who have tested positive for Covid-19 at Brockford Inn Assisted Living. 555 cases are confirmed in Caldwell County.

"WMNC Local News" – Broadcast on July 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Burke County records the 21st covid-19 associated death in Burke County.

"WMNC Local News" – Broadcast on July 9th, 2020. 6:30 a.m.7:30 a.m., 8:30 am, 12 noon. & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Today marks the highest number of Covid hospitalizations in NC. Be sure to wear a mask when out in public and unable to physically distance as it could help to cut down on community spread of the disease.

"WMNC Local News" – Broadcast on July 10th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County has 1180 positive cases of Covid-19.

"WMNC Local News" – Broadcast on July 13th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Positive cases of Covid-19 continue to rise in the area. In Burke there are 12 hundred 10 cases of Covid-19. Catawba County has 12

hundred ten cases also. Caldwell County has 616 cases and McDowell has 279 positive cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County’s Covid numbers increased to 1 thousand 2 hundred 54 patients yesterday. Caldwell County now has 643 cases and McDowell County has 292 patients.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 15th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Health officials report 1248 confirmed cases of Covid-19. Caldwell Public Health now has 683 cases and was notified yesterday of two more Covid-19 related deaths. Catawba County now has 1,320 cases and McDowell County has 300 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 16th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County now has 1352 confirmed positive cases of Covid-19. Caldwell County has added 24 new cases of Covid with two at the Brockford Inn Assisted Living Facility. Brockford now has 63 cases, 44 residents and 19 employees. Burke County has 1281 positive cases and McDowell County has 315 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 16th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County has suffered its 22nd Covid-19 death. The patient was in their 40’s and was not hospitalized. Burke County now has 1 thousand 2 hundred 88 positive cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County has 1 thousand 3 hundred 80 cases of Covid-19 with hospitals in Catawba County at near capacity of Covid patients. 35 are hospitalized. Caldwell County has 725 cases and McDowell County’s total remains at 315.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The McDowell County courthouse will reopen today after it was closed on July 10th due to the covid virus. The Rutherford County Courthouse remains closed due to Covid-19 exposure.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke county has been notified of the 24th Covid associated death. The cumulative Burke County total now stands at 1320 cases. Catawba County has 1483 cases, McDowell has 384 cases and Caldwell County has 745 cases. Caldwell reported the 9th Covid associated death.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Covid-19 has been cited for the reason to

increase ballot access to the public. The Elections Board wants more early voting sites and in person voting on the weekends during the early voting period.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 21st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The Hickory Public Schools Board of Education voted yesterday to begin the new school year with remote learning for the first four weeks of school. School will officially begin on August 17th with remote learning through Friday September 11th.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 21st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County now reports 1,327 positive cases of Covid 19. McDowell County reports 349; Catawba County has 1,483. Caldwell County has 783 cases,

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 22nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 45 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public health was notified of the 25th Covid-19 related death in Burke County. So far 1,368 people have tested positive for Covid in Burke County. McDowell County was also notified of a Covid-19 death. 365 people have tested positive for Covid in McDowell County. Caldwell County has reported the 5th active outbreak at the Shaire Center. Caldwell now has 816 cases of Covid. Catawba County now has 1,568 cases of Covid.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Catawba County saw an increase of 47 new Covid cases as cumulative totals have reached 1,615. Caldwell Public Health has been notified of the 10th Covid-19 related death. Caldwell also is reporting the 5th outbreak at Gateway Rehabilitation and Healthcare. McDowell County now has 372 cases. Burke County has 1,410 cases with 42 additional cases today.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Caldwell County Public Schools will reopen with blended instruction for students who wish to have in person learning or a full remote option online on August 17th. For blended instruction students will be assigned two days a week in class on an “A” or “B” schedule. The remainder of the week will be remote learning.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County now has 3 additional Covid-19 related deaths and 1,685 positive cases of Covid-19. Burke County reports 1,452 cases: McDowell County reports 412 cases. Caldwell County has 889 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The Burke County Board of Education has voted for the Public Schools to operate under remote learning between August 17th and September 11th. The vote to revert to plan “C” came during a special called meeting today.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 45 seconds per newscast. Area Covid 19 cases continue to climb. Burke now stands at 1,486 cases; McDowell County has 421 with an outbreak at a child care center. Caldwell County has 920 cases and they were notified of the 11th Covid-19 associated death. They also have reported their 6th outbreak. Catawba County has 1750 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Pre-hospital care in Burke has become safer. Burke EMS has outfitted 13 of its front-line ambulances with ultraviolet photo catalytic oxidation units. These units will run between patient calls to disinfect the ambulances.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The State Department of Health has changed the guidelines for Covid-19 testing. Retesting is not recommended for those who previously tested positive within six to 12 weeks after the first positive test.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Caldwell County has reported its fifth case of rabies for the year.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 28th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. North Carolina restaurants have a new mandate from Governor Roy Cooper. The sale of alcohol at any restaurant after 11 p.m. is prohibited. Bars will remain closed as well.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 28th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Health has been notified of the 26th Covid-19 related death. Burke has 1,535 cases. Caldwell was also notified of the 12th Covid associated death. Caldwell has 1007 cases. Catawba County has 1,797 and McDowell County has 435 cases. McDowell County was also notified of the 8th Covid related death.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 28th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Caldwell County has been notified of two new outbreaks, one at Caldwell Correctional Facility and Brockford Assisted Living Center. Other cases include Hickory Falls, The Sharire Center, Lenoir Health Care and Gateway Rehabilitation and Healthcare.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 29th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. NC Health officials report the highest single day increase in Covid-19 deaths since the pandemic began. Burke had 22 new cases today for 1,557 cases. McDowell County reported two more deaths due to the COVID and 28 additional positives bringing the total to 463. Catawba County has 1,797 cases and Caldwell 1007 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Health officials report the 27th and 28th Covid associated death. Burke has 30 new cases for 1,587 total. Caldwell County has 23 new cases for 1,071 cases. Catawba has been notified for 28 new cases for a total of 1,826, and McDowell County has 28 more cases for a total of 463.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 31st, 2020 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Burke County has 1,615 cases of Covid 19 an increase of 28 in one day. McDowell has 27 new cases and one additional virus related death. McDowell’s total now stands at 511. Catawba County has over 18 hundred cases; while Caldwell County reports 1071. Several drive - thru Covid-19 testing clinics have been scheduled. Testing is free, but present your insurance card if you have one.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Positive Covid tests continue to rise over the weekend in the area. Burke County now has 1,615 cases. Catawba County has 1,939 cases. Caldwell county has 1096 cases and McDowell Cases are at 511,

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Catawba County has reported a new outbreak at Trinity Village. Two residents and three staff members tested positive. This is the 9th congregate care facility in the County.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 5th, 2020 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12noon & 5 p.m. – Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Caldwell County will offer free cloth coverings starting today at all three branches of the Caldwell County Library and North Catawba Fire-Rescue. These are free to the public.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration- 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Health says there are 1750 people who have tested positive for Covid-19. Catawba has 1148 cases and Caldwell County has 208 cases. McDowell County has 628 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 12th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County has suffered its’ 29th and 30th Covid-19 associated deaths. Burke now has 1795 positive cases and McDowell 660. McDowell was also notified of two additional Covid-19 associated deaths.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 12th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. High School football in NC will kick off its season in February of 2021 due to the coronavirus. Football practice will officially begin February 8th with the first of seven games scheduled for February 26th.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 12th, 2020. 630a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Caldwell County has purchased thermal

imaging systems for some public buildings that will allow staff to check temperatures on individuals in the buildings. Temperature checks are recommended in an effort to keep down the spread of Covid 19.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast August 12th 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Catawba County Sheriff’s Office says ten inmates out of a total of two hundred 35 have tested positive for the coronavirus at the Catawba County Detention Facility in Newton.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 12th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration - 20 seconds per newscast. There have been over 12 hundred heat related hospital emergency department visits since May 1st in North Carolina. The NC Division of Public Health warns people to beware of heat related illnesses as temperatures climb.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 13th, 2020. 6:30, 7:30,8:30 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The Lincoln County Court House will be closed today and tomorrow for cleaning due to Covid-19. Anyone needing to fine emergency documents can do so by dropping them off at the designated alternate filing location inside the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 13th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Health is reporting the 1809 Covid-19 cases. McDowell as 671 with two additional Covid-19 deaths today. Catawba County has 2205 confirmed cases and Caldwell County has 1253 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 15 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 1823 covid-19 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 45 seconds per newscast. Catawba County Public Health has identified a new outbreak at a congregate care center. Brian Center East is the 10th congregate care facility in the County with an outbreak. 2324 cases of Covid are recorded in Catawba County. Caldwell County was notified of the 17th Covid related death. They now have 1265 cumulative cases of Covid. Burke County has 1849 cases and McDowell County 679.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a,, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration -20 seconds per newscast. Caldwell County was notified of the 18th Covid-19 related death. 40 new cases of the virus were confirmed in the County yesterday with a cumulative total of 1305.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 19th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County Public Health is investigating a newly identified outbreak of Covid-19 at Elmcroft of Newton where two residents and 1 staff member have tested positive. This is the 11th congregate care

facility outbreak identified in Catawba County. Catawba now has 1367 cases. Burke has 1878 cases. McDowell has 697 cases and Caldwell County has 1310 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 19th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Health is reporting 1892 virus cases since the pandemic began. McDowell is reporting 705 cases with one additional virus- associated death.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke Public Health now says the cumulative total of Covid-19 cases are 1919. McDowell County Covid-19 numbers are 711. Catawba County Covid-19 numbers are 2427, and Caldwell County now has 1345.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 21st, 2020. The death toll in Burke County due to Covid-19 now stands at 32. Some 1937 individuals have tested positive for Covid-19 since March. McDowell now has 721 positive cases of Covid 19.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 25th. 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County Public Health has reported 3 Covid-19 deaths over the weekend.. Caldwell County received the report of two Covid-19 associated deaths. Burke County reports 1955 cases and McDowell County reports 725 cumulative cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 26th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County has been notified of the 33rd Covid-19 associated death. Burke now has 1965 cumulative cases. Caldwell County reports 1382 cumulative cases. Catawba County has 1903 cases and McDowell County has 734 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County added 23 new cases yesterday for a total of 2550. Caldwell County now has 1401 cases. Burke County has 1972 cases and McDowell County has 744.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 28th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Health has been notified of the 34th Covid-19 related death. The individual was in their 60’s and was not hospitalized, but died from Covid-19 related complications. Catawba County is investigating a newly identified outbreak of Covid-19 at Frye Regional Medical Center’s South Campus. 4 patients and 3 staff members there have tested positive for the virus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 31st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County now stands at 2021 positive Covid-19 cases. McDowell County Public Health says they had 774 cases. McDowell was also notified of the 26th death due to Covid.-19.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Another virus outbreak has been reported at a Catawba County nursing facility. Two residents and one staff member have tested positive at Conover Nursing an Rehab Center.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 45 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Health reports the 36th Covid-19 associated death. Burke reports 2077 positive cases. McDowell reports 785 positives.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The Centers for Disease Control has told states to prepare for a coronavirus vaccine to be ready for distribution by November 1st. The CDC is requesting the states expedite the request.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County reports a total of 2692 positive cases. McDowell reports a second outbreak at a long term care facility. Cedarbrook Residential Center in Nebo is identified as the site. McDowell has 792 positive cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Caldwell County Public health was notified of the 22nd Covid-19 associated death. Caldwell also identified a Covid-19 cluster at Marx LLC in Hudson. Their cumulative total is now 1465.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 7th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 2107 cases of Covid-19. Catawba County has 2730.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 2141 positive Covid-19 cases since March. McDowell County has 809; Catawba County has 2753 and Caldwell County has 1494. Catawba County reported a cluster of cases linked to the Caldwell County courthouse.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Public health officials in Avery County have confirmed that the Avery Mitchell Correctional Institute has a coronavirus outbreak. The medium security facility has had 68 positive cases reported in a single day bringing the total to 86 cases of an 856 prison population.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Caldwell County Health Department is holding an annual flu drive thru clinic September 26th at the Health Department. The clinic is open to the public from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public health was notified of the 38th Covid associated death. Burke’s cumulative Covid-19 total now stands at 2129. Caldwell County had a report of the 23rd and 24th Covid associated death. Caldwell’s numbers are now at 1494. Catawba County now has 2735 cases and McDowell County has 806.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 10th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Health has been notified of the 39th virus associated case. Burke now has 2160 positive cases. McDowell County has 810 positive cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 11th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscasts. Burke County has reported the 40th Covid-19 associated death. Burke’s Covid cases are now 2154. Catawba County has had an additional Covid associated death while McDowell County now has 825 positive cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 13th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County has reported the 41st virus associated death. Burke’s numbers now stand at 2181. McDowell County now has 830 positive cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. State health officials are urging NC residents to get vaccinated against the influenza. In NC, flu infections are most common from late fall to early spring with activity usually peaking in January or February.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 16th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County reported 2193 cumulative Covid 19 cases. Catawba County reported 2865. Caldwell County reported 1578 and McDowell County 837.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Caldwell County Public Health has been notified of the 26th Covid-19 related death in the County. Caldwell reports 1587 cases. Catawba County reports 2896 cases and Burke County reports 2217 cases. McDowell County has 837 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 2259 Covid 19 cases. McDowell County has 848 and Catawba County has 2961.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 21st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Caldwell County was notified of the 28th

Covid-19 associated death Friday as cumulative cases there climbed to 1607. Catawba County reported 19 new cases for a total of 2993. Burke County reported a cumulative total of 2275 cases and McDowell County has 848.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds. Burke County Public Health has reported two additional deaths that were Covid-19 related. Burke now reports 2309 cumulative cases. Caldwell County is reporting 1630 cumulative cases and McDowell County 867 cases. Catawba County has 3028.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Three drive thru flu shot clinics will be held October 6th, 7th, and 8th at the Burke County Health Department. These clinics are for the seasonal flu shots.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. 19 new positive cases of Covid-19 reported today by Burke County Public Health increasing the cumulative total to 2332. McDowell County has 882.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 25th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Plasma from whole blood donations made thru the American Red Cross that test positive for Covid-19 antibodies may help current coronavirus patients in need. Donors are encouraged to make an appointment to give blood to help ensure coronavirus patients and others who depend on transfusions have needed blood products this fall.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 25th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County has nineteen new Covid-19 cases with nineteen new cases reported today. McDowell County has 14 new cases for a cumulative total of 896.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 28th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County’s Covid -19 death toll has recorded the forty-fifth and forty sixth virus related death. The county now has 2383 cases. Catawba County Public health now has 3144 cases. Caldwell County has 166 cases and McDowell County 896 cases.

“WMNC Local New” – Broadcast on September 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. NC moves to Phase 3 of reopening later this week as announced by Governor Roy Cooper. The at risk population is still encouraged to stay at home, but bars, movie theaters and outdoor amusement parks may reopen at 30 percent occupancy.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds. Burke County has 20 new positive cases bringing the total to 2426. McDowell has ten new cases for a 950 total.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Caldwell Schools will open on Plan A for grades K-5 on October 19th. Hickory City Schools will remain on remote learning at least until January of 2021. Catawba County schools will allow 2nd and 3rd graders to return to four day a week classes on October 20th and 4th and 5th grade students to four day a week instruction on November 30th.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. App State student has died with Covid 19. The 19 year old died Monday night at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston Salem. He lived off campus and all of his classes were online.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County has been notified of the 47th Covid-related death. The individual was in their 50’s and as hospitalized but died from Covid-19 related complications.

B: Economic Impact of Coronavirus:

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast July 1st – September 30th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency – 5 times per day each station. A locally produced public service announcement on how those laid off from work can apply for unemployment benefits with the State.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The May unemployment rate for the Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton Metro area was 15%. Burke’s rate was 13.8%; Caldwell’s was 14.6% and Catawba’s was at 16%, McDowell’s rate was 12.1%.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Beginning on Monday, all District Criminal Courts will take place at the Burke County Conference Center. This includes general District Criminal and Infractions Court Matters. This will allow those present to have cases handled. Masks are encouraged and six-foot social distancing is required.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 10th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Both McDowell and Rutherford County Courthouses are temporarily closed because of a confirmed case of Covid-19. Officials say some departments at the courthouses may re-open next week. Court will resume Monday, July 20th.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. North Carolina Public Schools can reopen with restrictions, or students can continue to learn online as they have been since mid-March. Districts must mandate masks and social distancing for students, teachers and staff. Daily health screenings are required. North Carolina businesses will remain in Phase 2 for the next three weeks.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 21st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Construction of City Walk in Hickory continues with the parking lot along Main Avenue NE closed beginning tomorrow and lasting until construction is completed.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 29th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds. For the first time since World War II, the NC State Fair has been cancelled. Fair organizers blame Covid uncertainty. The cost to produced the event is around 6 point 8 million dollars.

“WMNC Local News – Broadcast on July 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The June unemployment rate for the Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton metro was 8.2%. Unemployment rates decreased in all 100 North Carolina counties in June. Burke had 7.3% unemployment; Caldwell had 8.5% and Catawba 8.6%. McDowell had 6.9 percent.

“WMNC News” – Broadcast on August 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Schools across the area are set to open today, some with remote learning only and others with blended learning approaches. Burke County Public Schools and Hickory Schools will be remote learning. Caldwell and Catawba County as well as Avery and McDowell County have adopted a hybrid learning plan that combines remote learning with on site instruction.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast August 19th- August 29th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times-Variou. Frequency- 5 times per day each station. The Burke County Sheriff’s Office is holding two career presentations too job seekers. One on August 22nd and another on August 29th. Contact the Sheriff’s Office for more details.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 21st, 2020. 6”30a,, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Caldwell County Public Schools are implementing recommended safety procedures on all of their more than 100 yellow school buses. Parents in Caldwell County are being asked to sign an attestation form prior to their children boarding a bus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 21st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Commissioners have approved additional funding to Burke County Public Schools to purchase 750 hotspots to help students with internet connections during remote learning.

“WMNC Local News – Broadcast on August 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The City of Lenoir and Caldwell County Yokefellow are partnering to provide utility bill assistance for City water, sewer and solid waste fees. Contact the City or Yokefellow to apply.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 1st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Governor Cooper has signed an executive order to extend the limited hours on the sale of alcoholic drinks. The order requires restaurants to end the sale of alcoholic beverages at 11 p.m. This order remains in effect through October 2nd.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 1st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Hickory based Alex lee Incorporated has purchased 20 Bi-Lo stores in South Carolina and Georgia. They plan to operate the stores under the KJ’s Market IGA brand and five stores under the Lowes Foods brand. They plan to hire more than 2 thousand employees in the communities’ where the 20 stores were located.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A groundbreaking was held Tuesday for a five hundred thousand gallon water tank at the Burke Business Park. The tank is needed for fire suppression by companies locating in the park.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The July unemployment rate for the Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton metro area was 9 percent. Burke’s rate was 8.3%, Catawba 9.3%, Caldwell 9.7% and McDowell 7.7%.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Morganton Parks and Recreations will open some outdoor and water fun beginning Saturday. The city’s playgrounds and splash pads will remain open through the month of September. Park restrooms will be open as well. All areas have been closed due to Covid-19.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The City of Lenoir has opened City playgrounds and picnic shelters. Mass gatherings must be limited to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors. Everything has been closed due to Covid-19.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m.. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. MaxPac LLC will invest 9.55 million dollars in a 158,000 square foot facility on Tate Boulevard in Hickory. They plan to create 300 new jobs over a 5 year period and are presently looking for 80 first and 2nd shift employees. Applications will be taken Wednesday, September 9th from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 11th, 2020 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The future of BiLo in Marion is unknown. The store is one of 46 that will be sold. The BiLo in Marion is an anchor store since the late 1980’s in the Marion City Square Shopping Center.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast September 11th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A local meat processing company is striving to help citizens through financial hardships due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Case Farms in Morganton will be selling chicken for just over 60 cents a pound. Dozens of truckloads of 40 pound boxes of chicken have been sold at bargain prices across Western North Carolina since the Covid-19 pandemic.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Western North Carolina Nature Center will be reopening Monday, October 5th for the general public. The Center will be open seven days a week from 10 a.m. till 4:40 p.m. The public is encouraged to purchase tickets online prior to visiting.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County students and teachers will return to the classroom today as the first day of in-person learning this school year. Some students will be in the classrooms on Mondays and Thursdays while others will be in class Tuesdays and Fridays. Wednesday will be an all remote learning day.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 16th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Crate and Barrel plans to develop a 736,000 square foot regional warehouse and distribution center in Newton. The company intends to invest \$38.5 million in construction and equipping the facility and create 150 jobs by the end of 2022.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 17th 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The 46yh Annual J. Iverson riddle Holiday Parade has been cancelled. The move is being made due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The parade had been originally scheduled for December 2nd.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. NC Governor Roy Cooper gave school districts the go-ahead to transition elementary students to in school instruction. The plan is for grades Pre-K through 5th grade. Cooper is leaving the time for transition up to each individual school district. Burke County has had 8 positive cases of Covid-19 among students and staff from several schools throughout the district.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 21st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Morganton City Hall and City offices will reopen to the public today. City recreation facilities will be under a modified schedule and capacity limitations will be enforced in buildings.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The McDowell County Board of Commissioners has voted to purchase the former Kirksey Funeral Home building in downtown Marion. They hope to use the building for county government functions and department offices.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Morganton Parks and Recreation Department has canceled Spooky Meadows due to the threat of Covid-19. The Department will hold a drive thru trick or treat event at the Collett Street Recreation Center from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, October 23rd. Citizens will need to drive up to the front of the Rec Center to receive their pre-package bag of candy.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Allegiant Airlines has announced plans to extend seasonal routes due to customer demand at Asheville Regional Airport. The routes include Austin and Houston Texas, as well as Boston Logan and Chicago Midway.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 28th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The State Department of Health and Human Services has issued an update allowing indoor visitation at nursing homes. Indoor visits will be permitted in nursing homes with no Covid-19 cases in the last 14 days and in counties with a percent positive testing rate of less than 10 percent.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 28th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The annual Valdese Treats in the Streets will take place on Friday, October 30th from 4-6 p.m. with a new twist. Participants will be allowed to drive through and get treats at various pre-published locations.

C: Drug Epidemic:

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. 14 individuals, 11 from Catawba County, have been charged in federal court in drug conspiracy and related charges in connection with a methamphetamine ring.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Two people are found in possession of cocaine in McDowell County. The 45 year old man and 48 year old woman were found with crack cocaine.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 10th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Drug charges are filed on a Morganton

woman. The 49 year old had her residence searched and meth, LSD and drug paraphernalia was found. She was placed in jail under a twenty thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 10th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. McDowell officers have charged a Hickory woman with drug possession. The 29 year old was a passenger in a vehicle stop. Deputies located 1.75 grams of meth and 2 and one half Percocet tablets in her possession.

“WMNC Local News “- Broadcast on July 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Hickory man was charged with drug possession after a traffic stop in Catawba County. The 52 year old was charged with trafficking in meth with a bond set at fifth thousand dollars secured. 2 pounds of marijuana and 179 grams of meth were seized.

“WMNC Local News” - Broadcast on July 15th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A search by NC Probation and Parole and the Marion Police Department yielded drugs with a street value of over 7 thousand 6 hundred dollars. The Seagle Street residence has 13.1 grams of heroin, 45.1 grams of meth, 3.3 grams of marijuana and 50 dosage units of a schedule 4 controlled substance. The 32 year old was arrested and placed in jail under one hundred one thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 15th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Morganton woman faces drug and gun charges. The 39 year old was arrested in Hickory and placed in jail under a ten thousand dollar bond. She was charged with possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 16th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A month-long investigation from law enforcement in two counties resulted in the arrest of five Lenoir residents on drug charges. 1.7 grams of meth, 2 point 3 grams of heroin and 500 dollars in counterfeit US currency was seized. Additional charges may be forthcoming.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 22nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Two Spruce Pine residents face a drug charge in McDowell County after they were stopped and searched at Woodlawn Motel. Fentanyl was found and two people were charged.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Morganton couple faces drug charges after a weeks-long investigation, A 42 year old and 32 year old were taken into custody following a search of their home where multiple felony amounts of controlled substances including meth and heroin were found.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration- 30 seconds per newscast. A 911 hang up call in McDowell County resulted in the arrest of a Marion man for drug possession. A man was found with point 60 grams of meth as a result of the call.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast July 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Burke County pair faces various charges including drug charges after the theft of a money bag from a Coca-Cola truck. A 26 year old Hunter Street resident’s vehicle was found where felonious amounts of narcotics were located. A 34 year old Hunter street resident was charged with meth possession and possession of drug paraphernalia, also.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast July 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Sheriff has indicated local law enforcement officers were concerned about some tainted illegal drugs on the streets. There have been four suspected overdoses in the past 48 hours. Officers have been able to revive three out of the four suspected cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A second search at a Mario residence yields narcotics and weapons. The 32 year old Seagle Street resident was arrested by Marion Police.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on July 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Morganton woman has been charged in McDowell County in connection with a stolen car and drug possession. A search of the vehicle turned up meth and a 35 year old Marion man was also charged with possession of a stolen motor vehicle and meth possession.

“WMNC Local News”- Broadcast on July 28th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Crime stoppers tip led to a surveillance operation that yielded the arrest of a Gastonia woman for trafficking heroin as well as other charges. She was placed in the Harven A Crouse Detention Center under 2 hundred 25 thousand dollar secured bond.

WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. An inmate is found with drugs in McDowell County. The 24 year old was brought to the Jail to be booked when officers found .70 grams of meth.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Six Morganton residents have been charged with meth possession. The six were founds to be in possession of heroin also and in possession of a sawed-off shotgun.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 6th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Two Morganton residents face drug charges after a vehicle stop for a fictitious tag. A search of the vehicle turned up a substantial amount of meth. Bond was set at twenty five thousand dollars secured on one person and at ten thousand dollars secured on the other.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 10th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Hickory man was sentenced to nine years in federal court for trafficking narcotics on the Dark Webb. A 36 year old was given three years for drug trafficking conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute narcotics on the Dark Web.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 10th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Nebo man is arrested for drug possession in McDowell County. A vehicle stopped for traffic violations yielded a search where more than 2 grams of meth was found. The 30 year old inside the car was charged with meth possession.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 11th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Morganton resident faces drug charges after an overnight arrest by Hickory police. The 39 year old female was found with a Schedule 2 controlled substance, possession of meth and drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at five hundred thousand dollars.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 12th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Two South Carolina men were arrested at a McDowell County checkpoint for marijuana possession. 180 grams of marijuana was discovered in the vehicle.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 13th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Marijuana was found on an individual who is reported to have taken a truck. A half gram of marijuana and point 20 grams of meth was found with him.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Connelly springs woman stopped for a traffic violation now faces drug charges. A bag, tossed to the ground during the arrest tested positive for meth. She received a three thousand dollar bond and is being held in the Burke County Jail.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Morganton man faces multiple charges after an arrest by Hickory Police. The 38 year old was charged with possession of meth and drug paraphernalia, along with other charges. Bond was set at 80 thousand dollars on all charges.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Marion man is being sought by McDowell County authorities for suspected drug trafficking. The 29 year old is wanted on multiple counts of trafficking meth and heroin.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 21st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. MDPS pursued a vehicle on I-40 who was attested on traffic and drug charges. The 29 year old driver and 18 year old passenger were both arrested.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 25th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A traffic stop in Lincoln County led to the seizure of illegal drugs and the arrest of a Maiden Man. The 41 year old was charged with trafficking heroin and placed in jail under a two hundred thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” Broadcast on August 25th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration- 30 seconds per newscast. Two people are charged with trafficking in meth. The Drexel and Granite Fall residents were both jailed under 4 hundred 50 thousand dollars bond each.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Valdese woman charged with child abuse is also found in possession of meth and oxycodone. She was jailed under 50 thousand dollar bond for child abuse and four thousand dollar bond for drugs.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 28th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A 24 year old has been arrested and charged with possession with intent to sale and deliver. He is being held in the haven C. Crouse Detention Center under a forty thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 31st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Eight Catawba Valley residents were sentenced in federal court in Charlotte Friday for their part in a meth ring in the area that distributed around 45 kilograms of meth with a street value of 4 million dollars.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on August 31st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 pm. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. McDowell deputies and the NC Highway Patrol find drugs and a gun at the scene of a motor vehicle accident. The 35 year old driver was found with 7 grams of meth and a handgun.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds. Five people have been arrested involved in the alleged sale of controlled substances. A search warrant was executed at a residence on Silver Creek Church Road. Drug paraphernalia, meth and heroin was uncovered. Firearms were also found.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County deputies made four felony drug arrests at the same house in six days. 11 pounds of meth and US currency were found, along with marijuana and firearms.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Connelly Springs woman is charged with drug possession after a traffic stop. The 35 year old was found with heroin in her vehicle. She was placed in jail under a ten thousand dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast September 16th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A traffic stop in McDowell County turns into a couple of drug arrests for a pair wanted in Mitchell County. The 32 year old Spruce Pine man and his 41 year old passenger were wanted on outstanding warrants. A search of the vehicle turned up more than 18 grams of meth.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast September 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. McDowell deputies need help solving a medication theft. 120 oxycodone pills were taken from a house while the owner was away. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the McDowell Sheriff’s Office.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. 17 individuals were indicted for federal firearms violations. 7 of the defendants also faced drug trafficking charges. More than 100 firearms, some of which were stolen, were located.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Marion man on the fun for more than a month on drug trafficking charges has been apprehended. The 29 year old was found with 38 grams of heroin and 89 grams of meth.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 23rd 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A call of a suspicious vehicle turns up meth in McDowell County. The 32 year old driver of the vehicle was arrested after over 10 grams of meth was turned up in his car.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 23rd, 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Marion woman faces a felony charge following an investigation into a drug related death that occurred in May. A 33 year old Marion woman allegedly sold the victim drugs. She has been charged with death by distribution and confined under a one hundred thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A traffic stop by McDowell County deputies leads to the arrest of a Nebo woman on drug possession charges. A search of the 32 year olds belongings turned up a gram of meth and two hydrocodone pills.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 25th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Marion man faces charges after a call of a suspicious person. The 45 year old was reportedly walking on the highway and refused to stop. He was found with 5 ounces of marijuana and 2 grams of meth.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 28th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A report of a suspicious person in McDowell County resulted in the arrest of a 62 year old. He was found to possess a gram of meth.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 28th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Morganton man faces drug trafficking charges after a vehicle stop on Carolina Street in Morganton. The 40 year old man was observed throwing a bag in the backyard of a residence which contained cocaine, heroin and some unknown tablets. He was placed in jail under a one hundred five thousand dollar bond.

D: Aging

“WMNC PSA’s – Broadcast July 1- July 14th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Frequency – 5 times per station each day. Times – Various. Announcement of the Adult Children of Aging Parents Meeting via Zoom July 14th from 5:30 p.m. till 7 p.m. Topic of the meeting will be “Nutrition and Aging.”

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast August 1st – August 11th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Frequency – 5 times per station each day. Times- Various. Announcement of Adult Children of Aging Parents Meeting via Zoom from 5:30-7 p.m. Topic of the meeting will be “Paying for Healthcare.”

“WMNC PSA’s” - Broadcast September 1st – September 9th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Frequency – 5 times per station each day. Times – Various. Burke Senior Center presents a virtual class Wednesday, September 9th at one p.m. If you are turning 65 in the next few months this can be a valuable program.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast September 1st – September 15th, 2020. Duration – 20 seconds. Frequency – 5 times per station each day. Times – Various. Burke Senior Center presents a virtual class for caregivers. This caregivers support group will be held Tuesday, September 15th at two p.m.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast on September 1 – September 15th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Frequency – 5 times per station each day. Times – Various. Adult Children of Aging Parents Meeting via Zoom on September 15th from 5:50-7 p.m. Topic of the meeting is “Preventing Falls.”

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on September 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care has been awarded the Sharon O. Dixon Clinical Excellence Award from the Carolinas Center. Juanita Carlton, a 28 year Hospice veteran, received the award which is presented annually.