

Issues/Programs List

Quarterly Issues/Programs List for WMNC AM & FM

January 1st – March 31st, 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. 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 addiction, as well as other drugs, have become a major problem in the Unifour Area.
- B. Aging:** As the population of the Unifour area gets older, programs for the aging are in need, such as affordable retirement housing, crime prevention for the elderly and other services for older adults.
- C. Employment:** For the first two months of 2020, Unifour residents had unprecedented job opportunities, as new businesses opened in the area. and new careers were plentiful. In March, the coronavirus and the consequential “stay at home” orders to prevent the spread of the virus, shut area businesses, flooding the Unifour with unprecedented unemployment.
- D. Health:** Unifour area residents suffer from a variety of health issues including diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer, cardio-vascular diseases and respiratory diseases. In addition, area residents faced threats from the novel coronavirus that first occurred in North Carolina in March.

Section II. Responsive Programs

A: Drug Epidemic:

“WMNC Local News” – January 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m.
Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Marion man is found trafficking pain pills. The 56 year old was arrested after officers found him in possession of 44 Oxycodone pills, other pain meds and 18 firearms.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Marion woman, wanted on drug charges is found in possession of meth and paraphernalia. The 22 year old was found with one dosage unit of meth and drug paraphernalia. She was arrested after a vehicle stop.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 6th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Statesville man is charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a stolen motor vehicle after leading Hickory officers on a high speed chase. The twenty-eight year old was jailed under a 27-thousand 5 hundred dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 7th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A convicted felon is charged after narcotics officers witnessed a hand to hand drug transaction in Statesville. The man was arrested after a brief foot chase. “Crack” cocaine, pills and drug paraphernalia was found. He was placed in jail under a \$52,000 secure bond.

“WMNC Local News” - Broadcast on January 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration -30 seconds per newscast. A traffic stop nets a meth possession arrest in Marion. 1 point 85 grams of meth was found after a 42 year old female was stopped for a traffic violation.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. McDowell County authorities have located remnants of a meth lab and charged a 40 year old Little Switzerland man. The officers were alerted to the location of a possible meth lab on Ginseng Drive and after a search of the property found remnants of a meth lab. The owner was charged with manufacturing meth.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 10th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A 30 year old Morganton resident was found in possession of 1 point 4 grams of meth after a motorcycle was stopped for traffic violations in McDowell County. She was also on probation and was taken into custody.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 13th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Officers in McDowell County arrested a 32 year old man in connection with a traffic stop that yielded meth. The Marion man was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A check of an unresponsive driver in McDowell County turns up meth and marijuana. The 24 year old Marion resident was found in possession of 3.6 grams of marijuana and .40 grams of meth.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Marion woman is found in possession of 2 point 27 grams of meth. The 23 year old was charged with possession of meth after a vehicle stop.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Hickory man faces multiple meth

charges. The 32 year old Cape Hickory Road resident was found with a trafficking amount of meth. He was placed in the Burke County Jail under a \$34,000 bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 21st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Hudson man was sentenced in Caldwell County Superior Court for felony trafficking in meth by a convicted felon. The 26 year old will serve an active prison sentence of six to eight years following his guilty plea.

“WMNC Local News “ – Broadcast on January 22nd, 2020. 6:30 a.m.7:30 a.m., 8:30 am, 12 noon. & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Lincoln County man has been sentenced to a maximum of ten years in prison after pleading guilty to charges in Lincoln court. The 32 year old was convicted of selling various amounts of drugs to undercover officers on multiple occasions. He had been charged with possession with intent to manufacture a controlled substance and numerous other drug possession charges.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Drug trafficking charges have been imposed on a pair of McDowell County residents after being stopped for having a fictitious license plants. The 28 and 29 year old Nebo residents were both charged with two counts of trafficking in meth and several additional possession charges. A search of their vehicle turned up meth, heroin and prescription pills.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A bicyclist stopped in McDowell County for having no lights was found to possess meth. The 45 year old Old Fort man was searched and point 80 grams of meth was found.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 31st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration –60 seconds per newscast. A Connelly Springs woman faces felony charges of possession of meth and drug paraphernalia. The 28 year old was on probation. Meth was seized. She was placed in jail under a twenty thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 31st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Authorities in McDowell County searched a room at a hotel and uncovered firearms, narcotics and currently. A 42 year old male was arrested and placed in the McDowell County Jail under a 5 hundred 80 dollar secure bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Deputies in McDowell County arrested a woman after the investigation of a suspicious vehicle. The 32 year old was charged with possession of meth and drug paraphernalia. 3 grams of meth was found among her belongings.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 5th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Catawba County man was sentenced to six to eight years following his conviction for trafficking opiate by transportation. 58 year old Ellis Eugene Anderson will also have to pay a mandatory fine of fifty thousand dollars.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 6th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Burke County couple has been arrested on drug charges following a welfare check by officers. The two were thought to have passed out in a vehicle, but when officers arrived they discovered approximately 8 point 5 grams of heroin and drug paraphernalia. The 26 year old Huffman Street resident was charged with trafficking in opium or heroin. His passenger, a 24 year old Burke County resident was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 7th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. McDowell County deputies charged a Nebo woman for drug possession after an unidentified substance was found in her vehicle. The 31 year old was stopped for a traffic violation. 2 point 52 grams of meth and heroin was found.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 10th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Marion man, already on probation, now faces drug charges. The 27 year old was charged with possession of meth, following a search of his residence. 3 point 5 grams of meth was found.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 11th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Four arrests have been made as the result of methamphetamine distribution investigations. Two Lenoir residents, along with one Morganton resident and a Georgia resident have been placed in custody in Caldwell County under five hundred thousand dollar secured bonds each. Some \$291,300 worth of meth was seized during the operation.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 11th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Two Marion residents are charged with trafficking in meth. 35 grams of meth was located during a traffic stop conducted by McDowell deputies. A twenty- three year old and a 35 year old were arrested and charged with two counts of trafficking in meth and one count each of possession of meth as well as maintaining a vehicle to keep a controlled substance.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 12th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Marion woman faces meth and stolen firearm charges. A traffic stop was initiated by Marion Police. 11.5 grams of meth and a small amount of marijuana was located. A 24 year old McDowell woman was arrested and placed in jail under a one hundred thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 12th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Two Burke men are charged with meth possession in separate cases. A thirty-nine year old Connelly Springs man was placed in jail under a five thousand dollar secured bond. A 29 year old man was also arrested.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 13th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Marion man is charged with trafficking meth and various other charges. The 26 year old was being served several outstanding warrants. He was found in possession of 174 grams of meth.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 13th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Three suspects were apprehended after fleeing from deputies in McDowell County. A twenty-year old Marion man was searched and marijuana and drug paraphernalia was found inside his vehicle. In another case a 31 year old was arrested after the search of his residence. Three suboxone strips were found. A third male, 28 years old from Nebo, was found with drug paraphernalia after he fled detectives from a Dollar General store where he was suspected of taking food.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 19th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Two Burke County men are stopped in McDowell County for traffic violations that resulted in drug charges. A 34 year old Connelly springs resident and his 37 year old passenger yielded 13 grams of cocaine. The passenger was arrested and charged with possession of a Schedule two controlled substance, possession with intent to sell and deliver a Schedule Two and resisting a public officer.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 19th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Morganton woman was charged with trafficking in meth. The 32 year old was found with over 92 grams of meth, \$5,000, two rifles and a handgun.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 19th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Two Morganton residents face meth and drug possession charges. The 36 year old and 29 year old after officers begin investigating complaints of possible drug activity at the residence on Suburban Drive. They were placed in jail under \$65,000 bonds.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Nebo woman is wanted for possession of narcotics. The 50 year old Rolands Chapel Road faces multiple charges. Anyone with information as to her whereabouts should contact the McDowell County Sheriff’s Office.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Marion man is found with meth and

marijuana. The 25 year old attempted to avoid a checkpoint when he was stopped by a deputy. 3 grams of meth and 9 grams of marijuana were found in the vehicle.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Lincoln County narcotics officers arrested two people on drug related charges following a vehicle chase. A 34 year old male and 30 year old female, both of Iron Station faces multiple drug offenses after meth was located. Her bond was set at 40 thousand dollars. His bond was set at 25 thousand dollars.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 26th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Connelly Springs woman faces new drug charges. The 28 year old was on probation when officers located meth, heroin and drug paraphernalia at her residence. She was jailed under a twenty-five thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 26th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. An Old Fort woman was arrested for meth possession the 23 year old woman hid underneath the porch of her residence as officers attempted to locate her. They found a bag containing more than a gram of meth on her person.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A domestic dispute in McDowell County has led to the arrest of a Marion man on drug charges. The 32 year old Fourth C Street resident asked a cashier at Nebo Truck Stop to hold a glass pipe and metal container after he left the residence. Deputies took the items and found the container had a gram of meth inside. He is charged with possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 28th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Marion man is charged with possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia as McDowell officers responded to a domestic dispute. The 28 year old was found with a quarter gram of meth.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 4th, 2020, 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12noon & 5 p.m. – Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Two individuals are arrested on drug charges in separate incidents after detectives investigate two eastern Burke County residences. A 53 year old Sugar Loaf Road woman is charged with trafficking in meth after officers discovered the substance at her home. She was jailed under a ten thousand dollar bond, and a 38 year old Granite Falls man was found with meth on his person. He was charged with meth possession and given a three thousand dollar secure bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration- 30 seconds per newscast. A Hickory woman is charged by Burke officers for possessing a schedule two substance. The 38 year old Young Road resident was found to possess meth during a brief investigation. She was jailed under a three thousand dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Marion man was arrested for drugs after a traffic stop. The 20 year old Palmer Drive resident was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, maintaining a vehicle to keep a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. A search of his vehicle turned up 25 grams of marijuana and other drug articles.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 5th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Morganton woman was charged with drug possession. The 44 year old Lloyd Beaver Road was stopped for failure to appear warrants when officers searched her. Meth was found in her possession. She was jailed under an 18 thousand dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 5th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. An Old Fort man will serve six to eight years in prison following his conviction for trafficking meth. The 34 year old pleaded guilty during Catawba County Superior Court. He also received a mandatory fine of 50 thousand dollars. He was found in a motel room in November 2018 with a white powdery substance that was crushed pills and heroin. He was also found in possession of marijuana and multiple bags of meth.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast March 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Vale man has been charged with meth possession after a vehicle stop in Burke County. The 47 year old was found with marijuana and meth. Bond was set at ten thousand dollars.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration 20 seconds per newscast. Two probationers face additional drug charges after a search of their residence turns up meth. The 30 year old and 35 year old of Marion were found in possession of a small amount of meth and drug paraphernalia.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 11th, 2020. 6:30, 7:30,8:30 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Drugs are discovered on two suspects arrested following a break in. A 19 year old female and a 28 year old female were found in possession of meth in McDowell County.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 12th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Morganton man was arrested on drug charges following a traffic stop in Marion. The 35 year old Tallent Road resident was charged with possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia.

“ WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 13th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 15 seconds per newscast. A 38 year old man from Elaine Street in Nebo was charged with meth possession after he was found with a half gram of the drug. The arrest was made by McDowell officers.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 15 seconds per newscast. A 39 year old Catawba man has been charged with a break- in in Mooresville last week. Prescription medicines, tools and cash was aken. He was placed in jail under a five thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A suspicious suspect at the Welcome Center in Marion is charged with possession of Heroin. The 23 year old Marion resident was discovered with one gram of heroin.

B: Aging:

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast January 1st- January 14th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency – 5 times per day each station. Announcement of Adult Children of Aging Parents Meeting Difficult Conversations: Overcoming Communication Barriers, January 14th at the Fellowship Hall of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Hickory. This free program requires advance registration at 828-610-5741.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast January 1st- January 15th, 2020. Duration - 30 seconds. Times – Various. Frequency – 4 times per day each station. Announcement of Caldwell Hospice Advance Care Planning Workshops January 9th and 22nd. The first session will be held in Lenoir and the second in Hudson. Retired attorneys Houston Groome and Hugh Wilson will be there for anyone who wants to complete their documents at the workshops.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast January 1st-January 13th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times – Various. Frequency – 3 times per day each station. Medicare 101 – Turning 65 and Still Working, a program at Burke Senior Center, January 13th at 5:30 p.m. The program will review what Medicare is and what it covers and the parts you may need.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. duration – 15 seconds per newscast. The Burke Senior Center is holding “Shake, Rattle and Roll Juke Box Bingo in honor of Elvis Presley’s Birthday January 10th at 1 p.m. This musical bingo includes hits from the 50’s and 60’s.

“WMNC PSA’s” _ Broadcast January 1st – January 21st, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency – 3 times per day each station. Partnering Adult Caregivers Together, a free support group for caregivers to meet with other caregivers at the Burke Senior Center, January 21st at 5:30 p.m. There will be a meal with the meeting.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast January 1st through March 31st, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency- 2 times per day each station. Announcement of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Contact the local county department of social services for more information. Individuals can apply through March 31st or until funds are exhausted. This is an especially good program for seniors on fixed incomes.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Caldwell County Sheriff Deputies are looking for a missing 65 year old Collettsville man. He was last seen just before Thanksgiving. He is a disabled veteran and has some medical problems. Anyone with any information is asked to call the Caldwell County Sheriff’s Office.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 29th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The NC Center for Missing Persons has issued a Silver Alert for a missing Conover man. The 42 year old is believed to be suffering from dementia or some other cognitive impairment. Anyone with information should contact the Conover Police Department.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast on February 1st-February 6th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various- Frequency – 3 times per day each station. Caldwell Hospice will sponsor a Virtual Dementia Tour on February 6th at Caldwell Hospice’s McCreary Family Professional Center in Hudson. The tour is not appropriate for persons diagnosed with dementia; instead it is an excellent tool for caregivers and family members of dementia patients. Please book an appointment at 828-754-0101.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast February 1st – February 11th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency – 3 times per day both stations. The Adult Children of Aging Parents will hold their monthly meeting February 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Hickory. The program will be on practical financial decisions. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast February 1st-February 20th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency – 2 times per day each station. Senior Day at the Park will be held Tuesday, May 12th beginning at 9 a.m. in Burke County. This is in conjunction with the Senior Games. Please register by February 20th to receive a free t-shirt. There will be DJ music, dancing, games and plenty of fun. Call the Burke Senior Center for more information.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast February 1st-February 27th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times-Variou. Frequency – 3 times per day each station. Caldwell Hospice is holding Advance Care Planning Sessions on February 13th at 1:30 p.m. and February 27th at 1:30 p.m. Please RSVP Caldwell Hospice if you plan to attend.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast February 1st-February 7th. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency – 3 times per day both stations. The Burke Senior Center is holding 2020 Census Training and Employment event at two p.m. Please RSVP.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast February 1st-February 19th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency – 3 times per day each station. The Burke Senior Center is holding two programs on February 19th. The first begins at 1:30 p.m. and deals with Depression: From Surviving to Thriving. The second program begins at 2:30 p.m. and deals with Antidepressants: Not Just for Depression. Interested Seniors are invited.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 13th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Silver alert was issued for an 82 year old missing Mooresville man. Anyone with information should contact the Caldwell County Sheriff’s Office.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast February 9th-13th, 2020.. Duration – 30 seconds. Times – Various. Frequency – 4 times per day each station. The Burke Senior Center is sponsoring a Sweet Treat Exchange and games February 14th at 1 p.m. RSVP the Senior Center.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast February 10th- February 24th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times – Various. Frequency – 5 times per day each station. Caldwell Hospice is hosting coffee, grief and hope on February 24th at six p.m. at The Local Bean. This is an informal time of coffee and sharing and is Dutch treat.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast February 20th-March 20th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency- 3 times per day each station. Caldwell Hospice will offer an opportunity to help grieving children with the annual Good Mourning Children’s Grief Camp Saturday, March 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will be held at Redwood Park’s McCreary Family Fitness Center in Hudson. This is a free event but you must register by calling Caldwell Hospice.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast March 1st – March 19th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency – 3 times per day each station. The Burke Senior Center is holding two seminars on March 18th. The first one is Enhancing Mental health with Alternative Treatments and begins at one-thirty p.m. The second topic is The Impact of Chronic Medical Illnesses on the Brain. To register for one of both contact the Burke Senior Center. The programs are free.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast March 1st – March 10th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds, Times- Various. Frequency – 3 times per day each station. The Adult Children of Aging Parents march meeting will be held March 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Morganton. The topic for the meeting is Over the Counter Medicine Safety. Please call or email to register for this free program.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast March 3rd – March 11th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Frequency – 3 times per day each station. Times – Various. Caldwell Hospice is holding Adult Volunteer Training on March 9th and 11th from 8 a.m. to four p.m. at the McCreary Family Professional Center in Hudson. Call 828-754-0101 or visit caldwelhospice dot org for more information or to register for the sessions.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast March 2nd – March 26th, 2020 .Duration –30 seconds. Frequency - 3 times per day on each station. Times- Various. Caldwell Hospice is holding two advance care planning workshops on March 12th at 1:30 p.m. at the Caldwell Senior Center in Lenoir and a second one on March 16th at one-thirty p.m. at the

McCreary Family Professional Center in Hudson. A retired local attorney will be present for anyone who wants to complete their documents at the session. Please call Caldwell Hospice to reserve your space. The sessions are free of charge.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast March 5th – March 30th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times-Variou. Frequency – 3 times per day each station. Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care will hold its monthly Coffee, Grief and Hope at six p.m. Monday, March 30th at Dunkin Donuts in Lenoir. The informal time of coffee and conversation is open to anyone who is experiencing grief and loss due to the death of a loved one or close friend. Coffee is Dutch Treat.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast March 5th-March 11th, 2020. Duration -30 second. Times – Various. Frequency – 3 times per day both stations. Estate Planning will be the topic of a workshop at Burke Senior Center March 11th at two p.m. A certified estate planner will explain the need to know basis of estate planning and the three big mistakes that are most commonly found when plans are made. Please RSVP the Burke Senior Center.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast on March 5th- March 23rd, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency – 3 times per day each station. The Burke Senior Center is sponsoring clue mystery bingo on Monday, March 23rd at 4 p.m. Help solve a fictional murder by playing bingo to win clues of the mystery. RSVP is required; seating is limited.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast March 5th- March 20th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times-Variou. Frequency – 3 times per day each station. The Burke Senior Center is holding the Luck of the Irish games on March 20th at two p.m. Wear green and get ready to play our games and activities. RSVP the Burke Senior Center.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast March 8th-March 24th, 2020. Duration – 60 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency – 5 times per day each station. Jeffrey Gragg from the Social Security Administration will be presenting info about the SSA with 2020 updates. General questions about the process and benefits will be taken. Please RSVP the Senior Center concerning attendance. The program is free.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast on March 1st-March 11th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times – Variou. Frequency – 3 times per day each station. The Burke Senior Center is holding a meeting for the National active and Retired Federal Employees Association on March 11th at ten a.m. This organization is dedicated to protecting and enhancing the earned pay, retirement and health care benefits of federal employees, retirees and their survivors.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast on March 1st-March 12th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times – Variou. Frequency – 3 times per day each station. The Burke Senior Center is holding an Advance Care Planning workshop in conjunction with Burke Hospice on March 12th at ten a.m. Living wills, and Health Care Power of Attorney will be

discussed. This program is open to all ages, caregivers, public and professionals. Please RSVP to the Burke Senior Center concerning attendance. The program is free.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast on March 1st-March 18th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times – Various. Frequency – 3 times per day both stations. The State Employees Association of NC Districts 5,6 & 7 will sponsor an Employee Appreciation Event for all county, state employees and retirees on March 18th at ten a.m. at the SECU on Enola Road. Enjoy a complimentary lunch and get updates on state health plans, pay raises and retirement issues.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast March 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Silver Alert was issued for a missing endangered woman. The 42 year old was last seen in Statesville. Anyone with any information as to her whereabouts should contact Statesville Police.

C: Employment:

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 6th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton metro unemployment rate for November was 3.2%. Burke’s rate was 3.3, Caldwell, 3.5 and Catawba 3.2%. Buncombe County had the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 2.5%.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Public input meetings are scheduled for the Wilderness Gateway State Train Plan which will link Rutherford, McDowell, Burke and Catawba Counties. The plan will add both jobs and more tourism to the area.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The City of Hickory breaks ground on a new artificial turf at Henry Fork River Regional Recreation Park. The project should take about two months to complete.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 6th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The December unemployment rate for the Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton metro area was 3.2%, Area county rates include Caldwell at 3.4%, Burke at 3.3% and Catawba at 3.1%.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Morganton’s newest road is now open to traffic. Officially named Albert Tron Boulevard, the road connects South Sterling Street to West Parker Road. A hotel developer has purchased land along Albert Tron for a future hotel. Longhorn Steakhouse is the first business in the newly developed areas.

“WMNC Local News” - Broadcast on March 6th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Fifteen Western North Carolina companies have been selected for the ScaleUpWNC program. These companies will receive intensive growth management training, connected with experienced mentors and receive access to capital support. Companies include Burke’s Simply Green Recycling and companies from Avery, Buncombe, Cleveland, Madison and Watauga Counties.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 25th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The Kisbow plant in Old Fort that normally makes cycling apparel and accessories for bike enthusiast has been making personal protective equipment to be used by first responders, paramedics and other health care workers. They are also making both reusable masks and face shields. This is as a result of the covid-19 virus.

D. Health:

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast on January 15th-February 14th, 2020; Duration -:30 seconds. Frequency- 5 times per day. Times – Various. A public service announcement from the American Red Cross Bloodmobile listing bloodmobiles in Marion and McDowell County.

“WMNC PSA’s” - Broadcast from January 15th-February 14th, 2020 . Duration - :30 seconds. Frequency – 3 times per day both stations. Times- Various. A public service announcement stressing a critical type O blood shortage in the Charlotte Red Cross region.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 60 seconds per newscast. Burke County hospitals have implemented a flu policy. Atrium Health is restricting hospital access for visitors 12 years old and younger. The restrictions are results of the growing prevalence of flu cases in the region.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a., 12n, 5 p.m. Duration- 30 seconds per newscast. NC Health officials have confirmed the first pediatric flu related death of the season. The western North Carolina child is the 21st death in NC due to flu. 20 adults have died with 14 of those being over the age of 65.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 10th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The state’s radon program is distributing three thousand radon test kits at no charge during the month of January. Radon is a naturally radioactive gas that is invisible and odorless. The US EPA estimates more than 22 thousand lung cancer deaths per year come from exposure to radon gas.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast January 17th, 2020.. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Health officials with the state department of health and human services are encouraging NC residents to protect themselves, their

families and others by getting vaccinated against the flu. The CDC reports that mostly Influenza B viruses are circulating and they can more commonly cause severe illness in children.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast January 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. American Red Cross officials says they have less than a 3-day supply of type O blood available for patient emergencies and medical treatments. They are asking folks to please donate blood. All types are needed, but there is a critical shortage of type-O blood, both O-positive and O-negative.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The state department of Health and Human Services is now investigating a possible case of Coronavirus in NC. The person recently traveled to China and arrived at the Raleigh International; Airport with mild respiratory symptoms. He is in isolation at Duke University Hospital where he is doing well.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The State Division of Public Health is reporting negative results were received about a patient being tested for the coronavirus. No cases have been identified in North Carolina.

“WMNC Local News”- Broadcast on January 29th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, 5p. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The State Department of Health and Human Services is closely monitoring the corona-virus that originated in China. The first case in the US was reported on January 21st in Washington State. So far, there are no confirmed cases in NC.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on January 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The State Department of Health and Human Services has released the final report on the public health investigation into an outbreak of Legionnaires disease in people who attended the Mountain State Fair in Fletcher. The investigation determined the outbreak was likely caused by exposure to Legionella bacteria in aerosolized water from hot tubs on display at the fair.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast from February 1st – February 11th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Frequency -3 times per day each station. Times- Various. Adult Children of Aging Parents will meet February 11th at 5:30 p.m. at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Hickory. The topic of the program will be practical financial decisions. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 13th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The first child in NC under the age of five has died from the flu. So far this season 75 people have died from the flu statewide. Last year there were 203 deaths in NC attributed to the flu.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Flu cases continue to increase according to numbers released by the state health department. The number of flu cases is on the rise. There were some 13 hundred positive flu tests last week in NC. Experts say the number will continue to increase for the next couple of weeks.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 21st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. NC health officials say 11 more people have died from flu complications including a victim between the ages of 5 and 17. The death toll for this year’s flu season has reached 90, compared to 85 deaths during the same time last year.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Governor Roy Cooper’s Corona-virus task force is working to prepare for the possibility of infections occurring in NC. Health officials report the risk for NC is low, and there are currently no confirmed cases of the corona virus in NC. But the task force is preparing for the possibility of widespread infections across the US.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on February 28th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The number of flu related deaths in the state has climbed by 25 to 115. Of the 115 who have died, 67 were ages 65 or older, 30 ages 50 to 64, 15 ages 25 to 49 , two were ages 5 to 17 and one was age infant to four.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The first case of the COVID-19 virus has been identified in North Carolina. The Wake County resident is reported doing well and in isolation at home. The person is thought to have contracted the virus on a visit to a long term care facility in Washington State, where there is currently an outbreak.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 5th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Governor Roy Cooper assures North Carolinians that our state is prepared to the corona virus. The Governor advised following CDC’s guidelines to help contain the spread of the virus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A confirmed case of Pertusis, also known as whooping cough, was reported in Caldwell County. Questions about pertusis will be answered by the Caldwell County Health Department.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 10th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Five more people in Wake County have tested positive for COVID-19. All traveled to Boston to attend a BioGen conference. The five are in isolation at home.

“WMNC Local News” Broadcast on March 11th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration- 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba Valley Community College has issued a statement on the coronavirus telling students, faculty and staff to not attend classes or work if they are sick, and if they are experiencing issues they believe related to the Coronavirus to contact Catawba Public Health.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 11th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The American Red Cross is urging healthy, eligible individuals to give blood or platelets now to help prevent blood shortages that could result from lower donor participation due to the coronavirus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 11th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Governor Roy Cooper of North Carolina issued an executive order on Tuesday declaring a state of emergency due to the coronavirus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 11th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 60 seconds per newscast. The Burke County Health Department offered some practical ways to protect yourself and others from the coronavirus. A statewide Covid-19 public information line has been established, 1—866-462-3821,

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 12th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 pm. Duration – 60 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Schools has announced the postponement of the 2020 NC High School Athletic Association Basketball Championships set for this weekend in Raleigh. Freedom High School was to play in the 3A Championship game. School field trips have also been cancelled through the remainder of the year and all professional staff development has been cancelled.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 12th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The 26th Annual ACC Chilli Cookoff scheduled for Friday has been cancelled. This is due to the coronavirus.

WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast March 13th – March 15th, 2020. Duration – 60 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency – 5 times per day each station. A list of churches cancelling services for March 15th, as well as cancellations of weekend events. All NC Public Schools cancelled, as well as their activities, and spring break extended for area community colleges with learning starting on line for March 23rd. All of this due to the Governor’s request to slow the curve of the spread of the coronavirus. Lake James Cleanup also cancelled. Burke History Museum closed. ACC Chili Cookoff cancelled. All UNC system institutions are moving students online beginning March 23rd; until then students are on an extended spring break. Burke Republican Party Lincoln Day dinner has been cancelled and City of Morganton parks and Recreation Athletic programs suspended until April 6th.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast March 13th – March 31st, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency – 3 times per day each station. District and superior court

cases in North Carolina will be continued for 30 days to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. However, every courthouse in the state's 100 counties will remain open.

"WMNC PSA's – Broadcast March 13th – March 31st. Duration – 60 seconds. Times-Variou. Frequency – 6 times per day each station. Recommendations you can use from the CDC on how to protect yourself and your family from the coronavirus.

"WMNC Local News" – Broadcast on March 16th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. duration – 15 seconds per newscast. The Burke County sheriff's Office is implementing a temporary suspension until further notice to limit persons within the jail. Remote visitation will continue to be available as well as attorney visits.

"WMNC Local News" – Broadcast on March 16th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 10 seconds per newscast. The CDC recommends for the next 8 weeks organizers cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 or more people.

"WMNC Local News" – Broadcast on March 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. NC Governor Cooper has issued a new executive order that will close all restaurants and bars as of 5 p.m. today for dine in customers. Eateries can offer curbside pickup for takeout orders. Employees effected will not have to wait a week to apply for employment benefits. 40 people in North Carolina have tested positive for COVID-19.

"WMNC Local News" – Broadcast on March 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 pm. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The City of Marion and McDowell County have declared state of emergencies because of the coronavirus. The town of Weaverville and Mitchell County have also declared a state of emergency.

"WMNC Local News" – Broadcast on March 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Effective Wednesday, some local non essential surgeries, procedures and ambulatory appointment will be rescheduled. Any emergency and essential services will continue through as scheduled. This is as a result of the coronavirus.

"WMNC Local News" – Broadcast on March 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 60 seconds per newscast. The City of Morganton has announced closings due to the spread of the coronavirus. All indoor recreation facilities are closed, all scheduled activities are cancelled, All events at the Morganton Community House have been cancelled. Comma has cancelled the remainder of its 34th season. Late fees and disconnection of city services for nonpayment are suspended.

"WMNC Local News" – Broadcast on March 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The American Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drives cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak. 116 blood drives have been cancelled, resulting in nearly 4,000

fewer blood donations. Healthy individuals are needed to donate blood now and should visit the Red Cross website to learn how.

“WMNC Local News”- Broadcast on March 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a,, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Local agencies are coming together to fight coronavirus. Burke County Sheriff Steve Whisenant said that if an officer’s physical presence is not needed, reports can be taken by phone. Burke County Emergency Management has implemented an incident command team, and he reminds everyone about mass gatherings, social distancing and other requests at preventing and spreading the virus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The City of Lenoir has joined Caldwell County and others in declaring a state of emergency. The Lenoir City Hall is now closed to the public as well as recreation centers. The Caldwell County Health Department has opened a health information line. Catawba, Alexander, McDowell, and Watauga Counties have already declared state of emergencies over the coronavirus as well as the town of Marion.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Schools will open 5 daycare sites on Thursday. The sites will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for children ages 5 to 12 years old. If your child is not currently enrolled in a Burke County Public School daycare site registration will be open and on site and immediate services available. Student health will be monitored.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration - 20 seconds per newscast. The Burke County Senior Center in Morganton and the East Burke senior Center in Hildebran will be closed to the public effective immediately. The Congregate Nutrition site in Valdese will close until further notice. Home delivered meals will continue to be delivered by volunteers and staff as long as possible.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 19th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. The Town of Marion has closed it’s facilities to the public due to the coronavirus. Also Marion’s DMV Office is closed until further notice.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 19th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds. Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute will close its campuses beginning at five p.m. today and remain closed thru March 31st. Classes have been suspended until further notice due to the coronavirus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 19th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office has closed to walk in traffic due to the coronavirus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 19th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Burke County Government Offices will temporarily limit public access to non-emergency facilities until further notice. An appointment will be required to enter a government office now. That includes Burke County Health Department and Burke County Department of Social Services. All residents needing to apply for food and nutrition services, Medicaid or daycare should apply online.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 19th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Schools report the system continues to feed thousands of students as the statewide school systems close due to the coronavirus. Yesterday, a total of 4 thousand 630-meals were handed out.

“WMNC :Local News” – Broadcast on March 19th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The US Attorney’s office says scammers are using the COVID pandemic to create fear and take advantage of citizen. Some scammers are claiming to have a cure or remedy for he virus. Individuals need to make certain that they don’t give out credit card information, any checking information, or fall prey to fake charities.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 19th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. NC residents are being encouraged to call NC 211 for free confidential held regarding needed resources during the virus pandemic. At last report, NC had 97 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Catawba County Public Health has announced their first case of coronavirus, an individual who residents in an assisted living facility. The patient is hospitalized and is doing well in isolation.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The city of Morganton has declared a state of emergency due to the coronavirus. City Hall will now operate by appointment only during normal business hours for critical matters that cannot be completed online or over the phone. Other city facilities are closed to the public also.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Treasury officials have announced the deadline for filing US income taxes has been moved from April 15th to July 15th due to the coronavirus. People expecting a tax refund are encourage to fine now to receive timely payment.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration- 20 seconds per newscast. Mission Health is no longer allowing visitors until further notice. The exception is for pediatric patients, who will be allowed to have

one adult visitor with them at at time. In addition, the Charles George VA medical Center in Asheville will not allow any visitors at any facilities including CBOC's located in Franklin, Hickory, and Rutherford Counties.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The National Forests in North Carolina closed all campgrounds today for the health and safety of visitors and staff. Campgrounds will be closed until at least May 15th.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The NC Department of Revenue will extend the April 15th tax deadline to July 15th for individual, corporate and franchise taxes due to the coronavirus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Three new cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Catawba County. All three patients are reported to be doing well in home isolation. Pinecrest Senior Living Center in Hickory is the site of Catawba County's first coronavirus case announced last Friday.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The Burke County Medical Society and Carolinas Health Care System Blue Ridge have teamed up to offer free thermometers to families receiving free meals through the Burke County Public Schools. One of the symptoms of the coronavirus is temperature.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. NC Governor Roy Cooper has announced he will close all public k-12 schools until May 15th. Cooper also has ordered the closing of hair salons, barber shops, gyms, movie theaters and similar businesses by 5 p.m. Wednesday. Restaurants and bars can remain open, bur only for delivery or take away.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 15 seconds per newscast. The Blue Ridge Parkway has closed all public restroom facilities on the Parkway until further notice due to COVID-19. Park trails and the Parkway motor road remain open.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 10 seconds per newscast. Hickory utility customers are asked to only use the drive thru at city hall for making regular utility payments. This is being done due to COVID-19.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 15 seconds per newscast. NC Learn at Home is a new website designed to gather online content and educational resources into one place for students, parents and others regardless of their location. You can also virtually visit the NC Zoo, aquarium, state park or state historic site. This is a great tool for homeschooling due to Covid – 19.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 10 seconds per newscast. US Attorney of the Western District is urging the public to report suspected fraud schemes related to COVID-19 by calling the National Center for Disaster Fraud hotline.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 25th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. First cases of coronavirus were reported Tuesday in Burke, McDowell and Caldwell Counties. Burke County has two that tested positive. McDowell says two has tested positive and Caldwell has one that tested positive.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 25th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Governor Roy Cooper has requested a major declaration for the State of North Carolina due to the impact of COVID-19. The governor made the request of the federal government so that individuals can be provided assistance from federal agencies including the SBA.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 25th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 60 seconds per newscast. First cases of coronavirus were reported in Burke, McDowell and Caldwell Counties. One Burke resident and one resident of another county, was tested in Barked. Both are positive and are in isolation. In McDowell County, three people tested positive from Covid-19. And in Caldwell County, one person tested positive for coronavirus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 26th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. New cases of coronavirus were reported in McDowell and Caldwell Counties. One new case was added to McDowell and two new positive cases were added to Caldwell. Meanwhile the first Covid-19 associated deaths were recorded in the state.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 26th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The Good Kitchen is donating more than 25 thousand kid meals to Burke County Public Schools. The school system will give out the meals as part of the food distribution program taking place while schools are closed due to the coronavirus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 26th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Five new cases of Covid-19 have been identified in Catawba County bringing the county’s total to 9.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 26th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. A news story on the CDC recommendations for COVID-19; instructions for those with mild symptoms and those with more serious symptoms.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Recreation facilities on the National Forest in North Carolina are temporarily shut down as of today. OHV Trail Systems, visitor centers and campgrounds are also shut down due to the coronavirus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 45 seconds per newscast. Burke County has issued an amendment to the county’s State of Emergency proclamation. All outdoor activities considered high risk such as rock climbing, rappelling, swift water sports and zip lining are to be avoided. No overnight camping in the Linville Gorge Wilderness and the Pisgah National Forest. All rentals of all lodging facilities for less than one month are to be suspended until further notice due to the coronavirus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. One new covid-19 virus case has been identified in Catawba County bring the total to ten. Presently there are 763 positive cases in North Carolina.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. NC health officials report 11 more people have died from flu complications. For the year, the death toll for this year’s fly season is at 149 with 87 of those ages 65 or older.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 45 seconds per newscast. Governor Roy Cooper’s statewide stay at home order until April 29th goes into effect today at 5 p.m. No more gatherings of more than ten people and no businesses open except essential businesses. Morganton Public Safety is also cancelling all fire station visits and the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forest and Cherokee National forest are shutting down trailhead facilities and other access points to the Appalachian National Scenic Trail due to the Coronavirus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Two additional cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Burke County bringing the total to 5. One of the cases is thought to be the result of community spread. Everyone is being urged to stay at home for the next 30 days and only go out to pick up essential items.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Historic Morganton Festival Incorporated has cancelled the May dates of the TGIF summer concert series. Decisions regarding the June and July TGIF shows will be made in the coming weeks.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 31st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The State Department of Health and Human Services is temporarily increasing benefits for March and April to current Food and Nutrition Services recipients. This is due to the covid-10 virus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on March 31st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Governor Cooper signed an executive order that will help schools and local governments’ access surplus property to help bridge gaps during the response to COVID-19. Property includes computers owned by the state and be used to bridge the digital divide during school closures.