

Issues/Programs List

Quarterly Issues/Programs List for WMNC AM & FM

April 1st - June 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. Social Justice:** After the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis Police, many people began to question systemic racism and how it affects African Americans in everyday life. Confederate monuments and flags have become an issue as people grappled with what to do with symbols of the Civil War that have now become racist.

Section II. Responsive Programs

A: Health

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast from April 1st-30th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency- 7 times per day each station. A locally produced PSA encouraging non essential workers to stay at home to avoid the spread of the coronavirus was aired.

“WMNC PSA’s” - Broadcast on April 1st-June 30th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency – 5 times per day each station. A locally produced PSA told

listeners what symptoms to look for if they suspected they had the coronavirus, and how to go about getting tested locally.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast on April 1st-April 30th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times – Various. Frequency – 3 times per day each station. A locally produced PSA informed listeners of what city, county and retail services were open and closed during the coronavirus lockdown.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast on April 1st-April 12th, 2020. Duration – 60 seconds. Times – Various. Frequency – 5 times per day on each station. A locally produced PSA informed listeners of how to stay safe from the coronavirus over the Easter holiday. Information about where to find church services online, on TV or on radio was also included.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast April 1st-April 30th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times- Various. Frequency – 3 times per day on each station. A locally produced PSA informed listeners how to apply for the WIC program even though the Health Department was closed.

“WMNC Special Programming” – Broadcast on April 7th, 2020. Duration – 1 hour. Time 3:30p.m.-4:30p.m. Frequency – Once. Broadcast of Governor Roy Cooper’s coronavirus press conference in which he addressed social distancing in food markets and other necessary stores, as well as lodging groups of homeless coronavirus patients in hotels.

“WMNC Special Programming “ – Broadcast on April 14th, 2020. Duration – 52 minutes. Times 3 p.m.-3:53 p.m. Frequency – Once. Broadcast of Governor Roy Cooper’s coronavirus press conference I which he discussed the number of coronavirus cases in the state that had just topped five thousand. He also addressed protesters in Raleigh who wanted the State to reopen business.

“WMNC Special Programming” - - Broadcast on April 20th, 2020. Duration – 1 hour. Times – 3:30-4:30 p.m. Frequency – Once. Broadcast of Governor Roy Cooper’s coronavirus press conference that told the State’s residents they would be staying at home during the month of April. Governor Cooper also outlined a plan to reduce the prison population during the pandemic.

“WMNC Special Programming” – Broadcast on April 28th, 2020. Duration – 1 hour. Times – 3:p.m. – 4 p.m. Frequency – Once. Broadcast of Governor Roy Cooper’s coronavirus press conference that highlighted assistance to those out of work during the coronavirus and the State’s need for more testing and increase health care equipment.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 1st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Lenoir Rhyne University will be rescheduling its spring commencement due to the coronavirus. The new ceremonies are being planned for August or September.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 1st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County has two additional Covid 19 cases bringing the total to 8. McDowell County also has 8 cases. Coronavirus is currently in 57 counties in North Carolina. 20 percent of the cases statewide will require hospital care.

“WMNC Local News” - Broadcast on April 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration -30 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 9 cases of Covid 19. The City of Morganton has cancelled its scheduled April 6th Council Meeting, and the Sheriff’s Association is asking drive-in worship services adhere to social distancing of at least six feet apart. No one is to leave their vehicles during the service.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. McDowell County has launched a virtual Covid-19 screening system for residents concerned about any symptoms they may be having. They also have set up a hotline for screening.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County received a three thousand dollar grant from Duke Energy to help provide sanitation products to their daycares’ and food distribution sites.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County confirms 13 cases of Covid 19. Burke also reports the first cases associated with a long term care facility – Grace Heights. Meanwhile, Catawba County Public Health says they have recorded the first Covid-19 associated death. Catawba currently stands at 20 positive cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Due to the lack of emergency services personnel during this virus outbreak, NC Forest Service officials urge residents to wait until the end of May to do outdoor burning.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 6th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 60 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 23 Covid-19 cases with the first death in the county reported Saturday. McDowell County now has one additional case and Catawba County has 24 cases. Caldwell County has 11 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 7th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A collection of NC experts released a composite modeling forecast looking at how COVID-19 could affect the state in following months. The study found that current methods would prevent the over filling of available ICU beds but acute care and ICU bed capacity will be outstripped as soon as Memorial Day without the shutdown.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 34 positive cases of the Covid-19 virus; Catawba County now has 28 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Visitors in North Carolina’s state forests are asked to practice proper social distancing due to the coronavirus. Visitors are two to three times greater than what is typical for this time of year.

“WMNC Local News “ – Broadcast on April 8th, 2020. 6:30 a.m.7:30 a.m., 8:30 am, 12 noon. & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Western Carolina University will hole online classes for summer school through the end of the second summer term in August due to the coronavirus. Tuition and fees for online summer classes will be charged at the distance rate rather than the residential rate.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 9th, 2020 . 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has two new mental health resources to support citizens throughout the Covid-19 crisis. The Hope4NC Helpline and the Hoep4Healher Helpline are now in operation.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 10th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Governor Roy Cooper has signed an Executive Order for stronger social distancing requirements. Some of the requirements include; setting limits on how many people can be in a store at one time; marking six feet of distance for areas where people gather and requiring specific cleaning measures.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 13th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration –60 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Health was notified of another Burke County resident’s death associated with Covid-19. Citizens are reminded to abide by Governor Cooper’s Stay at Home order.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Health officials report the 4th Covid-19 related death in the County. Burke County now has 60 positive cases. Catawba County has a total of 38.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Schools has received two grants totaling six thousand dollars to help purchase masks for the district. This will allow all school employees masks while working.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County is reducing its grab and go meal sites from eight schools to six and the number of distribution days from five to two.

The change will start the week of April 20th. The same number of meals will be available to ensure students are fed breakfasts and lunches seven days a week.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Services provided by the Valdese Public Works Department may be delayed because of operational changes brought on by Covid 19. This includes brush and rough trash pickup.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 15th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County health officials report a fifth local resident has died from Covid-19. Burke has 63 positive cases. McDowell reports 19 cases. Catawba County reports 40 positive cases. Governor Roy Cooper says we will have a phased re-opening plan in North Carolina when the time comes.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 16th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The first case of rabies has been identified in Burke county. A cat from the area of airport-Rhodhiss Road has tested positive.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 16th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The NC legislative session will formally re-open for business on April 28th with appropriate measures in place to ensure health and safety. Temperatures will be taken and access will be limited.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County health officials report 66 positive Covid-19 cases. Catawba County reports 43 positive cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County now reports the 6th Covid-19 associated death in the county. There are now 71 cases. McDowell reports 21 cases, Caldwell County 23 and Catawba 43.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 21st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 45 seconds per newscast. Burke County Health officials report two additional deaths today as a result of the Covid-19 virus. McDowell County has reported the first virus related death. Burke is now at 76 positive cases and McDowell has 21.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 21st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Governor Roy Cooper has announced North Carolina has been approved for the new Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program, to help families purchase food for their children impacted by school closings due to Covid-19. Families will receive \$250.00 benefits per child.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 22nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County is now reporting 83 cases of Covid-19. Catawba County now has 47, while Caldwell reports 25.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Governor Roy Cooper has extended North Carolina’s Stay at Home order through May 8th. The order extends the closure of restaurants for dine-in services, bars and closure of other close contact businesses.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County currently has 87 positive Covid-19 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. NC Governor Roy Cooper has announced that the state’s public schools will remain closed for the remainder of the school year. Students and staff will still be expected to continue schoolwork remotely.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The Town of Valdese has cancelled all June and July concerts as part of the Family Friday Night summer concert series, including the Independence Day celebration and fireworks planned for July 3rd.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The most recent figures released by Burke County health officials show Burke currently has 90 positive cases. 75 percent of Burke’s total comes from those associated with a local long term care facility.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 29th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Two additional cases of Covid-10 reported in Burke County bringing the total to 99. Catawba is at 56 positive cases, McDowell is at 25 and Caldwell at 33. 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 April 29th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Vets are unsure of how Covid-19 affects our furry family members, but the CDC is recommending you treat pets as you would other family members. Keep cats indoors keeping them from interacting with other people and other animals. Walk dogs on a leash, maintaining at least six feet from others, and avoid dog parks or places where people and dogs may gather.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The number of positive Covid-19 cases in Burke County is now at 104.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A national statistic gathering company gives North Carolina and Burke County a failing grade for social distancing. The state’s score is an “F”.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 1st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Two additional positive cases of coronavirus has been recorded in Burke County bringing the current total to 106. The Burke County Board of Commissioners has amended their state of emergency to allow rentals in the county.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 1st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. N.C. Governor Roy Cooper says he hopes to move to Phase 1 toward re-opening the state as early as next week. This status will still result in many businesses being closed.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The North Carolina State Lab has notified Caldwell Animal Control that a fox submitted for testing was infected with rabies. The fox was found in the Lower Creek area of Caldwell County.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 5th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke Public health is reporting the 10th Covid-19 associated death in Burke County. 113 people have now tested positive in Burke County. Catawba County recorded 65 cases while McDowell County has 29.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 6th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 114 cases of Covid-19. Catawba County has 65 and Caldwell County has 45.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 6th, 2020 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12noon & 5 p.m. – Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. North Carolina governor Roy Cooper has lifted some of the stay at home orders as of 5 p.m. .May 8th. State parks can reopen, churches can hold outside services, people can meet outside in groups of ten or less and retail businesses can reopen at 50 percent of their legal capacity.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration- 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Health says there are 128 cases of Covid-19. The story also detailed face coverings, social distancing and hand washing.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 11th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County Public Health reported the second Covid-19 associated death over the weekend. Catawba County’s total Covid 19 cases now stands at 82. Meanwhile Burke County has 138 cases. Caldwell County has 60 cases and McDowell County, 30 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 11th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County was notified of the twelfth and

thirteenth Covid-19 associated death, while Caldwell County reports it's' first virus-related death.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 12th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has confirmed an outbreak of Covid-19 at a Burke County poultry processing plant. WSOCTV named the plant as Case Farms. The State did not identify how many case of Covid-19 were at the plant.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast May 12th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Schools will hold graduation ceremonies for the district’s high schools between May 21st and 29th. More information will be available later..

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 13th 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration - 20 seconds per newscast. The North Carolina State Laboratory has notified Caldwell County Animal Control that a skunk submitted for testing was infected with the rabies virus. The skunk was found in Granite Falls..

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on Mary 13th, 2020. 6:30, 7:30,8:30 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Catawba County has 87 cases of Covid 19. Caldwell County has 65 and Burke County has 148.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 13th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Health is reporting the 14th Covid-19 associated death in Burke County.

“ WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 15 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 175 cases of Covid-19. Catawba County has 92 and Caldwell County 69. Listeners are reminded to wear a mask when out in public and social distance.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 15th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 15 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 188 cases of Covid-19. The Phase 1 executive order will remain in effect until 5 p.m. Friday, May 22nd. Catawba County has announced an investigation into a newly identified outbreak at a local long term care facility, where three people have tested positive. Additional testing will be conducted. In Burke County, Autumn Care and Grace Heights have experienced a number of positive Covid-19 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Covid-19 is forcing everyone to navigate in uncharted waters including boaters. Social distancing is now being recommended for boaters who travel North Carolina waterways. Boat only with family members and make sure there is plenty of space between groups in recreational areas.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 194 cases of Covid-19. Catawba County has 101; Caldwell County has 76 and McDowell County has 31. In Caldwell County an outbreak has occurred at Carolina Pet Prime Pet where four employees have tested positive.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Free Covid testing is available for more than 21 thousand employees who work in the state prisons or juvenile facilities. Testing begins today at FastMed Urgent Care locations across the state. In Burke County, Solid Rock Family Medicine will be doing testing Friday, May 22nd from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. Fees should be covered for the testing. Friday, May 29th and June 5th, a drive-thru antibody test along with Covid-19 testing will take place again at Solid Rock Family Medicine for Burke County residents.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Another reported outbreak of Covid-19 at a Catawba County long term care facility. Abernathy Laurels has one staff member and one resident who have tested positive. Brian Center in Viewmont had an outbreak last week.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 19th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County has 111 cases of Covid-19. Caldwell County now has 86 cases and McDowell County has 22. And finally, Avery County has recorded its 1st case of coronavirus on Monday, meaning all 100 counties in North Carolina now have coronavirus cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County has recorded the 211 coronavirus case. A third patient has died of coronavirus in Catawba County where there are 121 cases. Caldwell County remains at 86 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 21st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 45 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 251 positive cases of Covid-19. Catawba County has 127. Catawba County will hold drive thru testing at no cost to participants in the back parking lot of Catawba Public Health 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 22nd. Caldwell County has 90 confirmed cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 21st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The first case of Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome in Children associated with Covid-19 has been reported in the State.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 22nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Public Health was notified of the fifteenth Covid-19 associated death in the county.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 26th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 320 positive Covid-19 cases. Caldwell County has 105 cases; McDowell County – 45 cases, and Catawba County – 157 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 26th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Testing for Burke County residents will take place May 29th and June 5th. Psalms and Solid Rock Family Medicine are conducting the testing at Patton High School from 9 a.m. till 5p.m. Testing may take 2 to 5 days for results.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Mission Health in Asheville has confirmed a small number of staff members have tested positive for Covid-19.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 341 cases of Covid-19. Catawba County has 171. Caldwell County has 114.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 28th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Burke County has 371 cases of Covid-19. Catawba County has 194 cases; Caldwell County has 127. The Caldwell County Health Department will hold drive-thru testing Wednesday, June 3rd from 9 a.m. till noon. The testing is free.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 29th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Caldwell County reports its third confirmed case of rabies this year. A skunk submitted for the testing was found in the Granite Falls Area. A rabies clinic will be held at Animal Control on Wednesday, June 3rd from 10 to 4 in the parking lot of the Shuford Recreation Center.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 29th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 383 positive cases of Covid-19. Catawba County has 194 cases. 31 residents and two staff at Brian Center Health and Rehab in Viewmont has tested positive for the virus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 1st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscasts. Burke Health officials report the sixteenth death in Burke County from Covid-19 related complications. Burke now has 451 cases. Catawba County has recorded the 7th Covid related death. Numbers there are 223. McDowell County has 51 cases and Caldwell County has 143. A drive thru clinic will be held this week at Addies Chapel in Marion from 9 a.m. to noon.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County has 234 positive cases of

Covid-19. Caldwell County has 161. Burke County will hold a Drive thru clinic Wednesday at East Burke Middle School from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County is currently at 464 positive cases of Covid-19. Catawba County is now at 244. Caldwell County as 161 cases and McDowell County has 68 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County’s Covid 19 numbers are not at 514. Catawba County has 255 and Caldwell County 173. McDowell County has 73. Catawba County Public Health is also investigating a newly-identified outbreak at Brookdale Senior Living-Falling Creek.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 5th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Total number of Covid-19 cases in Catawba has risen to 264. Caldwell’s total is now 181 with a cluster of cases at Sawmills Fire and Rescue. McDowell now has 79 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 548 cases of Covid-19. Burke also recorded the 18th Covid-19 death. Catawba County now has 302. Caldwell County has 196 and McDowell County now has 94 cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. North Carolina Public health is now recommending anyone who has attended a mass gathering, including a protest, be tested for the Covid-19 virus.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds. Burke County now has 684 cases of Covid-19 with employees and residents at J. Iverson Riddle Center due to be tested today. Caldwell County has 209 cases; Catawba County 310.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Governor Roy Cooper has outlined three possible scenarios for reopening schools in August, but says the North Carolina Covid metrics are moving in the wrong direction to allow schools to reopen. A final decision will be made by July 1st.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 10th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Caldwell County has recorded its fourth confirmed rabies case in the county this year. A raccoon, submitted for testing, has rabies and was found in the Oak Hill community.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 15th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds. Burke County now has 816 cases of Covid-19. Catawba County has 424. Caldwell County has 248 and McDowell County has 144.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 16th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A 4th patient has died of complications from Covid-19 in Caldwell County. Caldwell’s cases now stand at 249. Catawba County has 459 and McDowell County has 153. A Covid testing clinic will be held on June 18th from three to five p.m. at Trinity Church Loop in Nebo.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The Caldwell County Health Department has reported an assisted living facility and a waste equipment company have Covid 19 outbreaks. Both places are working with Caldwell County Public Health to slow the spread. Caldwell has not reached 311 cases. Burke has 894 and Catawba has 600.

“WMNC Local New” – Broadcast on June 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. State prison officials have initiated a plan to test all offenders for Covid-19. The testing is estimated to require at least 60 days.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds. NC is pausing to remain in the “safer at home” Phase 2 for the next three weeks, while wearing a mask is mandated when in public places. That word coming from Governor Cooper.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Community spread is the answer Burke County public health officials are giving to the question as to why Burke’s cases continue to rise. Burke now stands at 932 positive cases.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 26th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. As of 5 p.m. today, North Carolinians, age 11 and older, will be required to wear masks, as required by Governor Roy Cooper, but the enforcement of that edict is not all that clear.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 29th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County was notified of the 20th Covid-19 death yesterday. Burke now has 1000 cases of Covid 19. Caldwell County has 399; Catawba County has 776, and McDowell County has 203.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County now has 1019 cases of Covid-19. Catawba County has 808, and Caldwell County has 410 cases. McDowell County has 218 cases.

B: Economic Impact of Coronavirus:

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast April 1st-May 31st, 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 PSA’s” – Broadcast April 1st-June 15th, 2020. Duration - 30 seconds. Times – Various. Frequency – 4 times per day each station. A locally produced public service announcement that details area food banks, days and times of food distributions and requirements.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast April 1st-May 15th, 2020. Duration – 30 seconds. Times – Various. Frequency – 3 times per day each station. A locally produced public service announcement that announced how to get your coronavirus stimulus checks if you did not receive one.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 1st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Governor Roy Cooper has announced utilities will not be disconnected from people who are unable to pay during the coronavirus pandemic. The order applies to electric, gas, water and wastewater services for the next 60 days. Telecommunication companies that provide phone, cable and internet services are strongly urged to follow the same rules.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The public is being cautioned about scammers targeting economic relief payments. The Treasury Department has announced distribution of Economic Impact Payments beginning in the next several weeks.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The City of Hickory will not disconnect residential utility service for non-payment or assess late fees through May 31st. This is due to the coronavirus pandemic.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 6th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Volunteers are needed in McDowell County for food distribution, food packing and to help sewing masks. Email Emily Roberts at Mcdowellfac@gmail.com if you can help.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Senator Tom Tillis has announced a 34 million dollar grant will assist North Carolina health care centers fight the coronavirus pandemic. Some centers that will benefit include High Country Community Health with locations in Newland, Morganton and Boone, and West Caldwell Health Council with locations in Happy Valley and Collettsville.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 4th 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds. A rally to reopen Burke was held at the Burke County Courthouse over the weekend. A little over 60 people marched. Some business owners were present.

“WMNC Local News – Broadcast on April 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast.. February’s unemployment figures have been released and the Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton metro rate was 3.4%. This is pre-covid statistics as unemployment is expected to jump in March.

“WMNC PSA’s” – Broadcast on April 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The Foothills Hub, Centro Latino Americano, and McDowell Local Food Advisory Council are working daily to update a list of food and other resources specific to the coronavirus in McDowell County. Access the information on line at Spanish Live Food Resource List.

“WMNC Local News – Broadcast on April 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Burke County Emergency Operations Center has a community resource coordinator who is securing resources to be used by local residents who may be in need. Should you know a Burke County resident in need of food, contact the resource coordinator at 764-9383.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n % 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The March unemployment rate for the Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton metro area was 4%, Burke’s rate is 4.1%; Caldwell at 4.2%; Catawba at 3.9% and McDowell at 4.3%.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The Hope4Healers helpline is being expanded to support the staff who works in North Carolina’s child care programs. The organization is now equipped with a 24/7 call line to help support the people on the front lines of the state’s Covid-19 response.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Governor Roy Cooper has made recommendations to the Division of employment Security in light of complaints brought on by the high number of unemployed in NC due to the state’s Covid 19 restrictions. Nearly one million people have applied for unemployment, but many claimants said their applications have been denied or not processed.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 5th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Foothills Food Hub, McDowell Access to Care and McDowell County volunteers will host a drive thru food pantry event this Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Check face book for more information. This is especially for those out of work due to Covid-19.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 6th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Due to Covid-19 many health care facilities in North Carolina, particularly long term care facilities, are seeking to urgently hire staff for temporary, part-time or full-time roles. There is an urgent need for registered nurses and certified nursing assistances. Register at nc dot readyop dot com.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m.. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The Friends for animals will be coordinating a free pet food giveaway on May 17th from 9 a.m. till one p.m. at the adoption center. This event is for those people affected by Covid-19. Supplies are first come/first serve.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m.. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The North Carolina Division of employment Security has added one thousand call center agents to assist with unemployment claims. They will have about 26 hundred people working to process claims. Over 1 million and a quarter have filed for unemployment benefits in North Carolina.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 11th, 2020 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The Catawba County Main Library is now open for the first time since March 17th. Some restrictions are in place for the safety of all. The McDowell Public Library will offer curbside service to patrons. Please call 652-3858 to reserve books and place holds on DVDs or magazines.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast May 11th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The Valley Hills Mall in Hickory is planning to reopen for business tomorrow. The staff says they are doing everything they can to offer shoppers a clean and safe environment.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 11th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. ReopenNC/Burke held a second rally Saturday, May 9th at the Old Burke County Courthouse. The group says they will continue their movements until all businesses are open at full capacity. They said the rallies are about government overreach.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 12th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. McDowell County Schools recently received fifty thousand dollars from Facebook that will help feed the needs of students. The money will be used for the school system’s Backpack Program which provides weekend food that goes home in backpacks for the students every Friday. This is particularly helpful during Covid-19.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 13th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Starting today, families impacted by school closings due to Covid-19 are beginning to receive additional food benefits as part of the new Pandemic Electronics Benefit Transfer program. Families will receive about \$370 in benefits per child, provided in two installments.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. If you thought you were paying more at the grocery store during the pandemic, you are right. The Bureau of Labor Statistics says grocery store prices rose 2.6 percent in the month of April. That’s the biggest monthly increase since 1974.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 19th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Vale restaurant owner has been issued a citation for openly violation a North Carolina Executive Order. Mitchem’s Kitchen was issued a citation after complaints were received from the general public. Restaurants are supposed to be closed for indoor dining.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. North Carolina could allow restaurants and bars to open this weekend after being closed for more than two months. Regulations could include 50 percent capacity with social distancing required. Six or fewer people per table and tables at least six feet apart.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. In response to the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, ASU in Boone has announced the varsity sports of men’s soccer, men’s tennis and men’s indoor track and field will be cancelled.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. City of Lenoir facilities will remain closed during Phase 2 and the July 4th celebration has been cancelled.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 28th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The State Senate voted overwhelmingly to allow bars to serve customers outdoors despite the Governor’s executive order keeping them closed. The NC Bar and Tavern Association will file a lawsuit so that restaurants and breweries can open at 50 percent capacity.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 29th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The Historic Morganton Festival , scheduled for September, has been cancelled. The Waldensian Festival in Valdese, set for August, has also been cancelled.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 29th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The Catawba County Register of Deeds will reopen its office to the public June 1st. For in person office visits, please wear a mask and limit transactions to one person at a time.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 1st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A group protesting outside a Morganton

chicken processing plant today is asking for better working conditions amidst the Covid-19 outbreak. Workers at Case Farms say they are concerned for their safety. Cases of Covid-19 have been reported at the plant.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. City of Morganton will hold a fireworks show on Saturday, July 4th. The event will be at Freedom Park and people will be asked to remain inside their vehicles for the show.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 5th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The April unemployment figures soared due to the Covid-19 outbreak in the Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton metro area. The rate was 17.6%, the highest in the state. Burke’s rate was 15.5%, Caldwell 16.1% and Catawba 18.8%.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 9th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. The Outreach Center has a special supply of food for those having a hard time and in need of assistance. Drive thru pick up is Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on East Fleming Drive in Morganton.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 10th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. The City of Hickory Parks and Recreation Department is distributing free grab n’ go meals for kids and teens ages 18 and younger throughout the summer. Daily meal service will include a pre-packaged lunch and breakfast for the following day.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds. Burke County has been notified of the 19th death due to Covid-19. Burke now has 842 positive cases. Caldwell 277. Catawba has 480 and McDowell – 158.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 25th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. CVCC has debuted four strategically placed cameras on their campus for the purpose of temperature checks during the time of Covid-19.

C: Drug Epidemic:

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 1st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Two people face meth charges after an arrest by Burke deputies. A 48 year old has been charged with meth and drug paraphernalia. A 38 year old Marion man has also been charged with meth and drug paraphernalia possession.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 2nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Marion woman is charged with drug possession after officers found her slumped over inside a car. 13.5 dosage units of Diazepam and drug paraphernalia were found.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 13th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A tip from a community member has led to the arrest of a Catawba County man on drug charges. 48 grams of meth and drug paraphernalia were seized. The 41 year old was placed in jail under a 50 thousand dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 14th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. The report of a suspicious person at a Burke County mobile home park leads to a drug seizure and arrest. A 31 year old Morganton woman was searched and meth discovered. She was placed in the Burke County Jail under three thousand dollars bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Morganton man was arrested after a stolen car with drugs inside was seized. The 33 year old was operating a car that had been reported stolen. A search of the vehicle turned up meth. He was placed in the Burke County Jail under a twenty thousand dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” - Broadcast on April 23rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A federal indictment charges area residents with conspiracy to traffic meth. 5 people were indicted on crimes that distributed meth in Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln County from 2019 to February of 2020.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 27th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Marion man faces meth charges. Deputies were called to the report of a suspicious man asleep inside a car. The 44 year old was located and a search of his person turned up one point 2 grams of meth.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Lincoln County man who was the victim of an assault has been charged in an unrelated incident. The 46 year old was arrested and faces charges of possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver meth. Bond was set at 45 thousand dollars secured.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on April 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A 30 year old Nebo man has been sentenced to 12 years in federal prison for drug trafficking. He pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute meth last October.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. An ongoing narcotics investigation in Lincoln

County leads officers to a suspected drug house and the arrest of three men. The three face drug possession and conspiracy charge. They were jailed in Lincoln County.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 11th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a., 12n & 5 p.m. Duration- 30 seconds per newscast. A Newton woman and Maiden man were arrested in Lincoln County on drug charges. They were jailed under two hundred thousand dollar secured bond and one hundred 75 thousand dollar secured bonds respectively.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast May 13th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Morganton man faces drug charges after an investigation of a pair of suspicious vehicles. The 34 year old was found with drug paraphernalia and meth that appeared to be packaged for sale. He was placed in jail under a ten thousand dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast May 15th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Hildebran man is arrested in McDowell County on drug charges. As deputies conducted a license checkpoint, officers observed drug paraphernalia in a 27 year olds vehicle. Also found was one point three grams of meth.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n, & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A traffic stop led to charges for a Marion Man, the 22 year old was found to be in possession of one gram of meth. He was charged with meth possession.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 45 seconds per newscast. Four people have been arrested on meth trafficking charges. Caldwell Sheriff’s Department, Newton Police Department, and the Lenoir Police Department combined to take into custody four people. 114 grams of crystal meth was seized from a car, and 142 grams of meth with a street value of 42 thousand dollars was seized from a home in Lenoir.

“WMNC Local News”- Broadcast on May 20th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A joint investigation between the Burke County Sheriff’s Office and the Caldwell County Sheriff’s Office yielded three arrests for drug offenses at a Hartland Forest Drive residence. 1.5 pounds of meth was seized and 16 thousand dollars in us currency. The street value of the drugs was fifty thousand dollars.

WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on May 21st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Hickory man is charged with multiple drugs and failing to appear offenses. The 32 year old is charged with possession of meth, trafficking opium or heroin, along with other drug charges. Bond was set at 2 hundred 63 thousand dollars.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 1st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A Black Mountain woman has been arrested in

McDowell County for drug possession. 1.6 grams of meth and 6.8 grams of marijuana were found in her car.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Burke County methamphetamine trafficker is sentenced to 14 years in prison in federal court. 35 year old Matthew Dean Lail of Valdese was arrested in 2018.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Granite Falls man faces multiple drug and weapon charges following a McDowell County arrest. The 35 year old was stopped for multiple traffic violations and after a search 18.7 grams of meth and a handgun was located.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 5th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Morganton man is charged with felony possession of methamphetamine. A 39 year old man was found in possession of two glass smoking pipes and two small bags of meth after officers were called to a retail store where he was suspected of shoplifting. He was placed in the Burke County jail under ten thousand dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 11th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. A man, stopped for a window tint violation, was arrested for felony possession of meth and misdemeanor possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. 10.56 pounds of marijuana, 210 grams of meth, and \$10,200 dollars in cash were confiscated.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 12th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Gold Mine Road Morganton resident faces drug charges after methamphetamine and marijuana was seized from him by sheriff's deputies, the 45 year old was placed in the Burke County Jail under five thousand dollars secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 16th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Three Georgia residents face meth trafficking charges in Catawba County. The three were arrested and placed in the Catawba County Jail under three hundred 50 thousand dollar bonds.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A Morganton man is charged with meth possession after a traffic stop in McDowell County. After a search of the vehicle, meth was located.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 22nd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A man in possession of a stolen motorcycle

is also charged with meth possession. The 32 year old was searched and one gram of meth was located on him.

“WMNC Local News” Broadcast on June 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5p.m. Duration- 30 seconds per newscast. A Marion man faces drug charges after being stopped by McDowell officers for multiple traffic violations. The 34 year old was charged with possession of nine oxycodone hydrochloride pills.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 24th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Two people were arrested in Catawba on drug charges after a traffic stop on Highway 10. A 32 year old Newton resident was arrested on possession of cocaine and cocaine related paraphernalia. She was placed in jail under a six thousand dollar bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 25th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A search of a Marion woman’s home by local and state authorities has led to an arrest on drug charges. The 25 year old woman was charged with meth possession of possession of drug paraphernalia.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Catawba County deputies stopped a vehicle on Springs Road Sunday for a revoked registration plate and found heroin. .25 grams of meth and drug paraphernalia was also found. The 33 year old Conover resident was charged with felony drug charges and placed in jail under a one hundred 50 thousand dollar secured bond.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 30th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 pm. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Two Valdese residents were arrested on drug charges after inoperative tail lights on their vehicle resulted in a traffic stop in Catawba County. The 31 year old was charged with possession with intent to sell meth, possession of schedule 2 and 4 narcotics and placed in the Catawba County Jail under 22 thousand dollars bond. The 27 year old was charged with the same drug counts as well as felony probation charged. She received a 27 thousand dollar bond on the drug charges and 50 thousand dollar bond on the probation charge.

D: Social Justice

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 1st, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Protest were held in Asheville, Charlotte, Raleigh, Durham, Wilmington and Greensboro as the area comes to terms with the death of George Floyd on Memorial Day at the hands of policemen in Minnesota. Some of the protests turned violent causing looting of stores, destruction, injuries to all involved and damages to commercial businesses and government properties. Due to some looting at Wal-Marts across the State, the Morganton and Lenoir Wal-Marts closed at 5 p.m.

Sunday. Threats had been called in to the stores. The stores plan to reopen Monday, if conditions permit.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m.. Duration – 60 seconds. The National Guard was deployed to Asheville last night after the City endured two nights of near riots. The City of Salisbury also imposed a curfew last night after police had to use tear gas to disperse a crowd. Downtown Newton held a protest Tuesday against police brutality. The group of about 100 marched several times on Newton’s Streets. There were no incidents.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 3rd, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Morganton Mayor Ronnie Thompson described the death of George Floyd as tragic and unnecessary. Mayor Thompson went on to say Morganton will not tolerate police violence or racism.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. City of Lenoir Mayor Joe Gibbons said he joined with many of his neighbors that were hurting and angry regarding the senseless brutality that led to the death of Mr. George Floyd. Gibbons said the City of Lenoir would not tolerate police violence or racism.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 4th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Taylorsville leaders have issued a pre-emptive state of emergency and curfew ahead of a protest planned for the city tonight. The State of emergency goes into effect at 6 p.m. with the curfew at 10 p.m.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 5th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Several hundred people turned out against racism and to promote unity among all people Thursday evening in McDowell County. The event was named “Shine the Light: A Day of Love and Solidarity”.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 5th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 45 seconds per newscast. A District Court Judge ruled there was a likelihood of immediate and irreparable injury to the first amendment rights of protesters if the curfew and state of emergency went into effect as planned in the Town of Taylorsville. As a result, about 200 people gathered around the Alexander County Courthouse for a peaceful protest.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 8th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. Hundreds of people came out Saturday afternoon in Hickory to rally against racial injustice. The peaceful protest took place in front of City Hall.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 17th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Confederate monuments are coming down in Asheville. A joint resolution passed by the Asheville City Council and the Buncombe

County Commission will allow for the removal of two monuments in downtown Asheville.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 18th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 20 seconds per newscast. Two competing petitions, one to take down a confederate monument, the other to keep it up are being circulated in Rutherford County. So far, no petitions have been turned into the County Commissioners, who have not indicated how they will vote on the issue.

“WMNC Local News” – Broadcast on June 29th, 2020. 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12n & 5 p.m. Duration – 30 seconds per newscast. A tense situation was deescalated by Morganton Police after a rumor spread on social media that indicated groups of people were meeting at the confederate statue on the Old Courthouse Lawn to take it down. The statue was surrounded by members of the Sons of the Confederacy, the descendants of whom erected the statue in 1910. After about an hour, both sides went home.