

## *Catamount Radio Issues List*

**Catamount Radio (WDVT, WJEN, WJJR, WSYB, WZRT)** serves our city of license (Rutland/Killington) and beyond to the surrounding areas by gearing our programming to meet the areas of concern to our community members through our issues list.

Our radio stations' staff meets regularly to discuss these issues of importance and based upon recommendations from community leaders, and news topics, both local and regional. We arrive at our issues list and focus our *public service and public affairs* in that direction.

We integrate guests (usually local experts) into our regular programming. Our issues, although addressed in pre-recorded PSA's, are also presented in a more informal fashion with "live" in-studio interviews with representatives from the police department, schools, hospitals and various community leaders.

The stations also broadcast numerous free announcements from non-profit community organizations who request such time to promote their causes.

We also execute a number of "on-location" broadcasts if the event warrants such activity. Catamount Radio believes that *public service is more than lip service*. We know we can encourage more people by example, rather than just more talk.

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## **WSYB 2019 Q3 QUARTERLY ISSUES**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **DRUG ABUSE**

**Program: Community Matters**

**7/17/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Evergreen Center Director Clay Gilbert came in to begin a conversation about older individuals who suffer with alcohol and drug addiction. How they are helped, what resources are available to them and how they differ from younger addicted people was discussed.

**Program: Community Matters**

**7/30/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

A discussion of the peer to peer support network within Turning Point Drug and Alcohol Treatment was discussed including how people currently in jail are included in the program. Helping incarcerated persons who are also suffering from addiction is a difficult and complicated area of care and Turning Point is currently helping in this important service.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**8/4/19 @ 8:05 am Duration 29 minutes**

Turning Point Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center was the topic during a discussion of the peer to peer support network within the organization and how people currently in jail are included in the program. Helping incarcerated persons who are also suffering from addiction is a difficult and complicated area of care and Turning Point is currently helping in this important service.

**Program: Community Matters**

**9/12/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Clay Gilbert and Jess Daniels from Evergreen Substance Abuse and Prevention were guests as discussion centered on the current laws governing Drug Court and how offenders can redeem themselves and work towards having their records expunged. 3-calls.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**9/15/19 @ 8:05 am Duration 29 minutes**

Clay Gilbert and Jess Daniels from the Evergreen Substance Abuse and Prevention Center discussed the current laws governing Drug Court and how offenders can redeem themselves and work towards having their records expunged.

**Program: Community Matters**

**9/17/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

From Turning Point Center, Tracie Hauck and Tonya Wright talked about the upcoming Stomp out Stigma walk on 9-21-19. The discussion also centered on the current partnership with the Rutland Community Correctional Center and how serving inmates and earn earlier release with counseling and guidance.

**WEATHER RELATED EVENTS**

**Program: Community Matters**

**8/5/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

FEMA Emergency Management regional supervisor Rita Egan was in to discuss was in to discuss the new programs that the Federal Emergency Management Agency is offering for victims of floods and that included flood insurance. Our guest also gave out numbers so that people could contact FEMA and ask questions about unresolved claims since Hurricane Irene devastated Central and Southern Vermont several years ago.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**8/11/19**

**@ 8:05 am**

**Duration 29 minutes**

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## **HEALTHCARE AND INSURANCE**

**Program: Community Matters**

**7/9/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

RRMC Smoking Cessation and Respiratory Therapist Sarah Cosgrove was in along with Peg Bolgioni from RRMC Communications to discuss a rise in Vaping and E-cigarette use among grammar school and high school students. The discussion centered on the health implications of such behavior, current legal implications in Vermont and the public's current knowledge of the problem.

**Program: Community Matters**

**7/15/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

The Vermont Chapter of the American Red Cross was in studio to talk about this year's 'Gift of Life Mini-Marathon Blood Drive.' There was an urgent need for O-type blood, plasma and platelets here in this area. The blood drive is a two day event here in Rutland.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**7/21/19**

**@ 8:05 am**

**Duration 29 minutes**

Smoking Cessation and Respiratory Therapist Sarah Cosgrove and Peg Bolgioni from RRMC Communications were on the show to discuss a rise in Vaping and E-cigarette use among grammar school and high school students. The discussion centered on the health implications of such behavior, current legal implications in Vermont and the public's current knowledge of the problem.

**Program: Community Matters**

**8/7/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Krista Neary from the Rutland Regional Medical Center gave a presentation on chronic pain and Diabetes. Peg Bolgioni was also in from RRMC and talked about several ongoing programs at the hospital.

**Program: Community Matters**

**8/15/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Tom Rounds, who is the Director of Emergency Services at Rutland Regional Medical Center, and Sheena Daniel a Level 1-Trauma Nurse discussed the “Stop the Bleed” program at the hospital and now going on across the country. Hemorrhaging is a serious problem with accident victims and early intervention is vital to saving a life.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**8/18/19 @ 8:05 am Duration 29 minutes**

As part of an ongoing series with Rutland Regional Medical Center, Krista Neary gave a presentation on chronic pain and Diabetes. Peg Bolgioni also discussed some of the ongoing programs at the hospital.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**9/22/19 @ 8:05 am Duration 29 minutes**

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**Program: Community Matters**

**9/24/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Morgan Blanchard was in studio to talk about veteran’s benefits. Homelessness among veteran populations in the USA was discussed and how to get in contact for help. Easter Seals is the driving force here to help with the funding of projects to help Vets.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

**Program: Community Matters**

**7/25/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

**Dee Lamberton from Vermont Adult Learning** was in to discuss the ongoing projects at her organization. The office and classroom space here in Rutland is currently being used to strengthen local workforce enhancement, GED testing, preparing immigrants for the Citizenship Exam and other projects now underway. The Community Partners for the organization like the Stafford Technical Center were mentioned. The summer Adult certification programs under the direction of Bill Lucci are almost ready to graduate and join the job market.

**Program: Community Matters**

**8/9/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

The new Director of the Stafford Technical Center Melissa Connor and the Chair of the Board of Directors, Jim Eckhardt were guests on the program. New programs being considered for Stafford include Computer Coding and Diesel Mechanical. Adult education and gaining credits for college was discussed.

**Program: Community Matters**

**9/4/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

The discussion centered on Rutland Workforce Training at Stafford Technical Center. Crispin White was in to discuss a follow up program on several adult students that have completed their certificate programs and now are ready to join the workforce here in the area.

## **BUSINESS CLIMATE**

### **Program: Community Matters**

**7/10/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Guy Page of Page Communications, a Montpelier based advertising and Communications Company. Discussed the Carbon Tax and some of the areas of debate pending. We examined the Vermont State Transportation Fund and why the Governor would like to see more money for transportation infrastructure. Minimum wage, paid family leave, the rise of the progressive left and the current divide in the State Democratic Party were also discussed.

### **Program: Community Matters**

**7/20/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Rutland County State Senator Brian Collamore was in to discuss the current 'Minimum Wage' debate now taking place in Montpelier and across the state. We heard Pros and Cons as seen from the prospective of a sitting senator who was a member of the original study committee that also heard testimony on the issue.

### **Program: Community Matters**

**7/26/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Ed Larson from the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce was on the air with an explanation of the Athena Program and how it helps women and the supporters of Woman's issues gain more traction.

### **Program: Rutland Profile**

**7/28/19 @ 8:05 am Duration 29 minutes**

Ed Larson from the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce was on the air live with an explanation of the Athena Program and how it helps women and the supporters of Woman's issues gain more traction.

## **ECONOMIC CLIMATE**

### **Program: Community Matters**

**7/1/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Rutland County State Senator Brian Collamore was in to discuss and take calls on what did happen in the Vermont State Senate this year and what did not happen in the Vermont State Senate this year. Single Use Plastics was discussed. Also, what was missed this year such as 'Tax and Regulate Pot' and 'Vermont paid family leave legislation' was also given some attention on the program.

### **Program: Community Matters**

**8/19/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Aaron Jones with Neighbor Works of Western Vermont, a home assistance non-profit that helps families and individuals to experience the responsibility of home ownership. They help with weatherization, finance, repairs and maintenance and are always ready to assist people in this process. They spoke specifically about the matching grant program to help homeowners be able to afford necessary fixes.

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### **Program: Community Matters**

**8/20/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Tom Donahue who is the CEO of BROCC and Lisa Ryan the Program Director of the Rutland County Community Justice Center at BROCC. Giving people a chance to avail themselves the opportunity of legal advice and counsel was discussed. The question of restorative justice was also presented and explained.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**9/1/19 @ 8:05 am Duration 29 minutes**

Tom Donahue, CEO BROCC, and Lisa Ryan, Program Director of the Rutland County Community Justice Center at BROCC, were on the air giving people an information about the programs and assistance they offer as well as legal advice and counsel. The question of restorative justice was also presented and explained to the listeners.

**Program: Community Matters**

**9/3/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

A discussion of the Vermont Rail System and where it is going. The conversation and the callers covered that fact that Rutland at one time was one of the largest rail transportation hubs in the country. The Rutland Railroad, C&P (Clarendon and Pittsford), and the D&H Delaware and Hudson lines moved Marble, Granite, Scales, Machine Parts, Fire Clay products, Milk and other Agricultural commodities and livestock throughout the region.

**Program: Community Matters**

**9/26/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Reed Wilcox, an Investment Counselor and Analyst with Edward Jones, helped listeners understand some of the complexities of investing. Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds and the market discussed. Social Security planning, Savings and Paying down debt was also discussed.

## **CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE**

**Program: Community Matters**

**7/1/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Tom Donohue, the CEO of BROCC Community Action, and Meggen Hanna, BROCC Community Action Food Shelf Coordinator, discussed The Summer Meals Program for kids, Senior Food Insecurities and The annual Food to Families Food Program through BROCC and local growers.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**7/14/19**

**@ 8:05 am**

**Duration 29 minutes**

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**Program: Community Matters**

**8/23/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

Adam Taylor, The Rutland Vermont Superintendent of the Rutland City Schools was the guest. Mr. Taylor is a staunch advocate of individual student centered education. He believes that the learning day begins with good nutrition for each student in the system. He is very aware of the fact that many disadvantaged children attend the local public schools and that they will not be marginalized under his care.

**Program: Community Matters**

**8/27/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

Members of the Board of Instructors at Rainbow Riding Center in Shrewsbury were guests, as well as Dan Warneke of the Rutland County United Way. The subject of Equine based rehab for youth in the area was discussed with Lynn McDermott President of the board and Mary Jane Osbourne who is a professional horse trainer.

**Program: Community Matters**

**8/28/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

Dr. Michael Reeves, who is working on a video project about homeless youth through his teaching at Castleton University was the guest. Dr. Reeves has studied the homeless youth population in both Rhode Island and here in Vermont and compiled information for his Doctoral Thesis on this important aspect of American Society.

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**9/8/19 @ 8:05 am Duration 29 minutes**

Dr. Michael Reeves discussed a video project about homeless youth that he is working on through his teaching at Castleton University. Dr. Reeves has studied the homeless youth population in both Rhode Island and here in Vermont and compiled information for his Doctoral Thesis on this important aspect of American Society.

**Program: Community Matters**

**9/19/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Billy Gillam was in to discuss Scouting-BSA Rutland. Billy took phone calls and talked about the new face of scouting in 2019 and how the model has changed from just boys to boys, girls and families.

**Program: Community Matters**

**9/27/19 @ 9:05 am Duration 55 minutes**

Mike Alexander, Principal of Mount St. Joseph Academy, was the guest to talk about the opportunities offered by MSJ. Per pupil cost is discussed, Teacher-pupil ratio is also discussed. The faith-based education experience is also discussed in detail. Student financial aid is discussed at the private parochial institution.

## **ENERGY**

**Program: Rutland Profile**

**9/29/19 @ 8:05 am Duration 29 minutes**

BROC CEO Tom Donohue and John Casella II of Casella Construction Inc. were the guests on the show to talk about "Wheels for Warmth". John Jr. is the second generation to represent the Casella Brand. They were in to discuss Wheels for Warmth, a collaborative to use older still serviceable tires so that people can buy them and have a safe set on their car. Money from the purchase will go to help fund fuel purchases for needy families in Rutland County.

**Program: Community Matters**

**9/25/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

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## **RECREATION**

**Program: Community Matters**

**7/24/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

Caprice Hover and Dan Warneke of United Way of Rutland County were in to discuss the current activities at UW. We also had a guest in from Wunderfeet Kids Museum Downtown to the ongoing activities in that organizations summer schedule.

**Program: Community Matters**

**7/31/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

Randall Smathers, Director of the Rutland Free Library discussed an amnesty for overdue library books to restore some volumes that have been missing for some time. A discussion of the Summer Reading Program, and how kids did in their reading over the vacation. The latest library book sales were posted and discussed. The summer meals program for kids who may not have a regular meal plan or a supportive family was also discussed,

**Program: Community Matters**

**8/2/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

Rob Congdon, the President of the Vermont State Fair and the Rutland Agricultural Society brought listeners up to date on the important work going on to revitalize the Fair. Equine will be stressed more. New construction and refurbishment with volunteers is ongoing and the First Aid Museum.

**Program: Community Matters**

**8/13/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

Robert Congdon on The Vermont State Fair talks about a new Museum at the Fair with artifacts and photos from years gone by. Robert also gave an update on last minute preparations for this year's event.

**Program: Community Matters**

**8/21/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

Our guest was Brittany Malgrem and Nikki Adams from the Rutland City Department of Recreation and Parks. Brittany talked about the past summer at Georgetti Park and the new programs coming up in fall and winter, including the skating rink that will soon have an ice sheet down. Nikki talked about her programs at the North Street Ext location including arts both creative and performing.

**Program: Community Matters**

**8/22/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

Guests from Green Mt. Flyers talk about the upcoming visit from a B-17 Flying Fortress to Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport. Information about the plane and its role in WWII was discussed and a tribute to Rosie the Riveter was also mentioned.

**Program: Community Matters**

**9/5/19**

**@ 9:05 am**

**Duration 55 minutes**

Peg Bolgioni and Traci Moore were in to discuss the 2-4-6-8-K runs to benefit various programs at the Hospital. The women also gave an update that the new Nuclear Heart Camera Drive is within very close proximity of making its fundraising goal.