

WOOL Radio Issues Logs – 1st Quarter

January - March 2024

01-03-24

Issue addressed: Food Banks

Program and host name: *Rest and Relax* with Eric Kallio

Start time of segment broadcast: 11:12 PM

Duration of segment: 2 minutes

Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants: Eric Kallio informed listeners about the Vermont Department of Labor's increase of the state's minimum wage to \$13.67 per hour. The increase also affects tipped employees to \$6.84 per hour. The minimum wages are adjusted annually per Vermont state law. Reference made to the Vermont Department of Labor's website and phone number should an employee feel they are not being compensated fairly to the minimum wage law.

01-10-24

Issue addressed: NH & VT Presidential Primaries

Program and host name: *Rise and Shine* with Eric Kallio

Start time of segment broadcast: 7:16 AM

Duration of segment: 8 minutes

Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants: Eric Kallio presented listeners with information about the Presidential Primaries in VT and NH. The VT Presidential Primary is scheduled for March 5 that will coincide with the Town Meeting process. There are requirements as it relates to gathering the necessary signatures and filing fees for major party candidates and no filing fee is required for independent party candidates. The nominated president and vice president candidates must be in to the VT SOS at least 65 days prior to the November 5 election. For New Hampshire, the Presidential Primary election is scheduled for January 23. The town supervisors must convene 6 to 13 days prior to the primary in order to work through the checklist. The supervisors must be available the day of the primary for voter registration even if the polls close to 7pm. January 26 is the date that candidates can request a recount if the votes are within 0.9 percent of the final counts.

01-17-24

Issue addressed: NH DOT Snow Removal and Ice Control

Program and host name: *Rise and Shine* with Eric Kallio

Start time of segment broadcast: 6:09 PM

Duration of segment: 7 minutes

Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants: Eric Kallio alerted listeners to information on the New Hampshire Department of Transportation website as it relates to the agency's snow removal process and ice removal on state roads. The website also recommends safe driving tips during snowstorms such as

slowing down, keeping distance from other drivers to stop in time and avoid sudden movements. Further recommendation to avoid crowding the snow plow during operations as well as staying behind it at a safe distance in order to benefit from the plow and salt/sand treatment of the road. Another important factors is to clear all snow and ice off the vehicle to avoid obstruction to seeing the road and wear the seatbelt at all times.

01-18-24

Issue addressed: NH Ice Fishing Regulations & Ice Safety

Program and host name: *Rise & Shine* with Eric Kallio

Start time of segment broadcast: 4:08 PM

Duration of segment: 6 minutes

Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants: Eric Kallio provided listeners with information regarding Ice Fishing regulations found on the New Hampshire Wildlife website. The website advises that ice fishing can be feasible as early as December if the ice is safe. Regulations call for lake trout having a defined fishing season from Jan. 1 to Mar. 31. The regulations call for salmon to not be taken through the ice, but instead to cut the fishing line as close to the salmon's mouth as possible instead of removing the fish from the water. Safety information was also given such as checking the ice to ensure thickness, staying away from cracks. The regulations recommend to check for a minimum of 6 inch ice thickness for foot travel, 8-10 inches for ATV travel, and not to drive vehicles on the ice. If you fall in, lay arms on the unbroken ice, then kick hard to get back onto the ice.

01-26-24

Issue addressed: Winter Garden Tips

Program and host name: *The Road Less Traveled* with Erin Petrie

Start time of segment broadcast: 9:20 PM

Duration of segment: 8 minutes

Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants: Erin Petrie provided listeners with gardening suggestions and good ideas (both indoors and outdoors) to work on in the winter for our region. Indoor houseplant tips were provided, with suggestions for maximizing sunlight and humidity. The segment also shared suggestions for seeds to start indoors now (both for flowers and early vegetables), and work to do for outdoor perennials and fruit trees.

02-07-24

Issue addressed: VT Free Tax Prep Services

Program and host name: *Rise & Shine* with Eric Kallio

Start time of segment broadcast: 6:07 AM

Duration of segment: 4 minutes

Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants: Eric Kallio presented listeners with

information regarding Vermont tax preparation assistance through the tax department's website for individuals who are low income or senior citizens. The assistance is provided by volunteers – including those able to speak languages other than English - to help with federal, state, and property tax and identifying tax credits. The AARP website can also help older citizens with locating links to free tax preparation services. The state tax website also encourages those with tax preparation experience to consider volunteering.

02-13-24

Issue addressed: 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Program and host name: *Vinyl Tap* with Don Dawson

Start time of segment broadcast: 9:50 PM

Duration of segment: 2 minutes

Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants: Don Dawson informed listeners that the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers providing free and confidential support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for people in distress. It offers prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States.

02-21-24

Issue addressed: VT Medicaid

Program and host name: *Rest & Relax* with Eric Kallio

Start time of segment broadcast: 11:17 PM

Duration of segment: 3 minutes

Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants: Eric Kallio provided listeners with information about a state of Vermont website for Medicaid information which can be used to renew benefits. There is other low cost coverage for youth such as Dr. Dynasaur. Other information includes prescription assistance for low income individuals and health coverage pertaining to pregnant women, people with disabilities, and long term care.

02-27-24

Issue addressed: Town Meeting

Program and host name: *Vinyl Tap* with Don Dawson

Start time of segment broadcast: 10:30 PM

Duration of segment: 2 minutes

Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants: Don Dawson informed listeners about the upcoming Town Meeting Day that happens on the first Tuesday of March. A form of government that exists nowhere else in the world outside of New England, town meeting involves direct citizen lawmaking, true government by the governed. We should feel lucky to live in a place with this unique kind of local government and community, and we should all do our best to take part.

03-01-24

Issue addressed: Importance of Reading to Children

Program and host name: *Dangerous Indie Hour* with Martin Royle

Start time of segment broadcast: 7:25 PM

Duration of segment: 2 minutes

Briefly detail segment content, including the names of participants: Martin Royle informed listeners that, whether you're reading a classic novel or fairy tales before bed, reading aloud to children can significantly benefit your child's life. Some benefits include: supported cognitive development; improved language skills; preparation for academic success; developing a special bond with your child; increased concentration; and discipline; improved imagination and creativity; and cultivating a lifelong love of reading

03-06-24

Issue addressed: Historic Roadside Markers in Vermont

Program and host name: *Rise and Shine* with Eric Kallio

Start time of segment broadcast: 06:10 AM

Duration of segment: 6 minutes

Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants: Eric Kallio informed listeners about the roadside historic marker program. The Vermont Division of Historic Preservation fosters rehabilitation of historic properties as well as secures grant money for groups to promote historic properties. There are green roadside markers that were legislated by the VT legislature back in 1947. The markers identify areas of historic importance from U.S. Presidents, athletes, poets, African American notable persons, and heroic war veterans. The state has a website for the filing to obtain approval for a historic roadside marker. The process can take several months of review.

03-19-24

Issue addressed: School Bullying

Program and host name: *Vinyl Tap* with Don Dawson

Start time of segment broadcast: 9:44 PM

Duration of segment: 2 minutes

Briefly detail the segment content, including the names of participants: Don Dawson informed listeners that Many US children have experienced bullying, whether online or in person. This has prompted discussion about the schools' responsibility to curb student harassment, and some parents have turned to home-schooling or other measures to prevent bullying.