

**Quarterly Report Of Significant Issues Facing Service Area
And Typical Programs Broadcast To Address Those Issues
Period: July 1 through September 30, 2023**

SUMMARY

Since August 1999, WRIP has provided a full-service approach to Community Service throughout Jewett, Windham, Hunter and the "Mountaintop Region," so called. Up until that time, the region was previously without any local broadcast service.

WRIP maintains an "open mike" policy, inviting spokesmen from local non-profit civic, service, municipal, and charitable organizations and causes to schedule live "drop-in" or telephone interviews during Morning Drive to publicize their activities without charge. Some of the typical (but not all) resulting interview/discussions are listed herein.

WRIP has contracted for weather forecasts customized to the unique climate conditions on the "Mountaintop," which can differ considerably from those in the Hudson Valley or Capital Region. WRIP's "MountainWeather" is often the only accurate forecast and condition report available in the region. During inclement weather (primarily snowstorms), WRIP maintains a continual live presence on-the-air and broadcasts information as often as necessary to update the public regarding school and other cancellations and delays, as well as any other emergency information, in cooperation with local officials. We also broadcast reports from drivers on area roads employing mobile phones to advise others of icing conditions (typical on New York State Route 23 into the Hudson Valley), plus phone reports from the Highway Departments and local residents of local snowfall accumulations and conditions from the many hills and valleys of our service area.

WRIP airs approximately 75 free public service announcements weekly that focus on local, state and national non-profit civic, service, municipal, charitable, churches, school organizations and causes. Because they are so numerous these announcements may not be itemized on the attached "Issue / Response" list. The station maintains a policy of inviting spokespersons from charitable groups to record their own announcements. Since local radio was not previously available to our community, WRIP employs an "affirmative action" approach to public service wherein area publications are reviewed for appropriate public service items and events, and the organizations are periodically contacted to remind them of the availability of free air time and station public service policies, and, in the case of high profile events, charitable commercial rates are made available to groups with a marketing budget, for increased frequency of announcements. Assistance is provided to enable group spokesmen to write and record their own PSAs for major events to be aired on WRIP.

Some typical examples of current community issues addressed by significant programming during this three month period are set forth on the following page(s). This is a representative list. It is not exhaustive.

Issues: Health, Veterans' Issues: Cancer treatment for veterans. Health: Keeping medical records private and secure in the Internet era. Fairness in the courts.

Program: Dr. Michael Kiley discussed cancer treatment options for veterans. Matt Howard weighed in on the security of health data security. Carol Menaker was interviewed about on jury reform.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on July 2, 2023

Issues: Health/Medical/COVID

Programs: Ed Ullman, CEO/Pharmacist of WellnessRX Pharmacy in Tannersville, NY and member of the President's Advisory Council at Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Services, with weekly updates on COVID-19 Vaccines, latest developments in medicine and specifically how it relates to our region.

Duration: Fifteen minutes, 8:05 to 8:20 am July 5,12,19,26: August 2,9,16,23,30: September 6,13,20,27.

Issue: Fitness/Exercise & Wellness

Program: Gerard Friedman, Personal Trainer and Owner of Bellhouse Fitness in Windham NY- a weekly interview on a variety of fitness and exercise programs for adults and youth, with weekly topics covering various aspects of fitness, incorporating exercise and diet

Duration: Fifteen minutes 8:05 to 8:20 am July 11,18,25, August 8,15,22,29, September 5,12,19,26

Issues: The insecurity of computer security and security in general. The economy: getting more for less to increase small business profits. Violence and homelessness.

Program: Dr. William Forstchen discussed the dangers of EMP strikes. Laura Podesta commented on the benefits of freelancers and independent contractors on the economy. A discussion ensued about the problems of domestic violence and homelessness.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on July 9, 2023

Issue: Topography/Fossils/Local Natural History Discoveries

Program: Robert Titus, Professor of Geology and Joanna Titus discuss the topography and Fossils of the region, promoting an upcoming talk at the Zadock Pratt Museum in Prattsville.

Duration: Fifteen minutes from 8:05 to 8:20 am on July 13, 2023.

Issue: Animal Cruelty

Program: Jamie Hyer-Mitchell discusses her involvement in a county-wide initiative, backed by NY State and the Greene County Legislature, designed to more aggressively address the many cases of animal cruelty and neglect in Greene County.

Duration: 15 minutes from 3:30pm on July 12, 2023

Issues: Family troubles negotiating the court system. Health: eating disorders. The high and ever-increasing cost of automotive maintenance.

Program: Jane Spinak discussed the problems of family court. Juna Gjata commented on eating disorders. Audra Fordin provided suggestions on how to save money on car repairs.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on July 16, 2023

Issue: Local History

Program: Clover Archer, Master of Fine Arts, talking about a program on the local Stryker Family of Gilboa on the following weekend at the Gilboa Museum with a series of conceptual art depicting various episodes and members of the Stryker Family.

Duration: 15 minutes from 8:05 to 8:20 am on July 17, 2023

Issues: Focusing on health: Juvenile diabetes, brain health, and high cholesterol.

Program: A discussion on juvenile diabetes was featured. Sarah Lenz Lock detailed the six pillars of brain health. Dr. Michael Garko was interviewed about how to control cholesterol.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on July 23, 2023

Issues: Ambulance Center Ribbon Cutting, Windham Mountain's New Master Plan

Program: Windham Town Supervisor Thomas Hoyt talks of last minute plans to ready the ambulance center for a planned ribbon cutting on July 29, Windham Mountain unveils new Master Plan to town board for greatly expanded construction in its existing footprint (pending site plan developments and approvals)/

Duration: 20 minutes from 3:35pm on July 26, 2023

Issues: The effects of the Federal deficit. The potential applications of artificial intelligence to investing. Health: ways to reduce the risk of a stroke.

Program: Richard Vague weighed in on economic deficits. Michael Robbins talked about investing with the use of AI. Two medical experts give tips on preventing strokes.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on July 30, 2023

Issue: Local Theatre Group's Production Seeks Support

Program: Hedda & Brian Flynn discuss the Maude Adams Theatre Hub production of "Cabaret" – the background and local actors featured./

Duration: 20 minutes from 3:30pm on Aug 2, 2023

Issue: Local Arts Discussion in Tannersville

Program: Local artist Steven Weissburg talking about his upcoming discussion on painting at the Mountain Top Library in Tannersville. Discussing some of his works, including his artistry adorning the beer cans at the West Kill Brewery in Lexington.

Duration: 15 minutes from 8:05 to 8:20 am on August 3, 2023

Issues: Homelessness. Labor shortages for area small businesses. Food safety in Summer heat.

Program: Dr. Robert Okin discussed why new approaches are needed to fight homelessness. Matt DiBara detailed how to recruit new workers. Dr. Julie provided information on how to keep foods safe this summer.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 09:00 on August 6, 2023

- Issue:** Arts/Entertainment – Community Call for Auditions
- Program:** Victoria Rinaldi, dance director/choreographer at Catskill Mountain Foundation making a call for auditions for an upcoming production of Midsummer Night’s Dream at the Orpheum Performing Arts Center in Tannersville. No experience required.
- Duration:** 15 minutes from 8:05 to 8:20 am on August 7, 2023.
-
- Issue:** Annual Greek Festival Seeks Support
- Program:** Father Fitzpatrick of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Assumption in Windham talking about the church’s Greek Festival. What to expect and about new murals in the church. He also talked about the Greek Orthodox Religion in comparison with other Christian sects.
- Duration:** 15 minutes from 8:05 to 8:15 am on August 8, 2023
-
- Issue:** New Development Grants Received By Town of Windham
- Program:** Supervisor Hoyt details the grants just awarded to the town, presented at the new ambulance center’s ribbon cutting ceremony by NYS Senator Michelle Hinchey.. Hoyt also highlighted some of the operating guidelines established by the recently formed Zoning Commission.
- Duration:** 15 minutes from 3:30pm on August 9, 2023
-
- Issues:** How the economy is helped or hurt by the American auto industry. Preserving womens’ the rights as enshrined in Title IX, while under threat. Health: using a pacemaker.
- Program:** Cheryl McCarron detailed the effects of the auto industry on the economy. Edward Bartlett commented on possible changes to Title 9. Vish Charone discussed the advantages of miniature pacemaker for the heart.
- Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 06:30am on August 13, 2023

Issue: Prattsville Town Update

Program: Prattsville Town Supervisor Greg Cross discussed the recent wet down at the Fire Department, the status of ambulance service consolidation, a no-noise ordinance by choice and the evident end of the Hughes Energy proposed project at the Greene-Delaware county line.

Duration: 15 minutes from 3:35pm on August 16, 2023

Issues: Veterans Health: using canines to relieve stress. Childrens' Health: The stress associated with returning to school. The pain endured during a divorce proceeding.

Program: David Crenshaw discussed comfort dogs for vets. James Ruvalcaba details how to console kids on going back to school plus two experts on how to have a more pleasant divorce.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on August 20, 2023

Issue: Local History/Culture

Program: Glenn Kreisburg, an Archeo-Astronomer about the ancient stone sites in the Catskills that he proposes were astronomical sites of ancient peoples that occupied this area, even before the accepted date of the area's first inhabitants. A prelude to a talk on the subject he would have at the Zadock Pratt Museum that weekend.

Duration: 15 minutes from 8:05 to 8:20 am on August 22, 2023

Issue: Windham Town Update

Program: Supervisor Hoyt talked about how the new addition to the town Highway Department employee roster underscores the ongoing shortage of available new blood at all county agencies. He also saluted the VFW on the occasion of a ceremony for departed members, marked by a tree planting and plaque.

Duration: 15 minutes from 3:30pm on August 23, 2023

Issues: Health: healthcare workers spread too thin. The baggage of student loans that Are not Federal, and therefore not being forgiven. Worker Environment: Air pollution.

Program: David Schenck commented on healthcare worker burnout. Brian Walsh gave some tips on how to save money on student loans. Dr. Nikki McCullough discussed indoor air pollution.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30am on August 27, 2023

Issue: Local Pottery Festival Seeks Publicity

Program: Susan Beecher on the Sugar Maples Pottery Festival, from its inception in her own back yard to its present day evolution to the Sugar Maples Center for the Arts in Maplecrest. She discussed different types of pottery that will be on display and for sale, as well as a description of the pottery making process.

Duration: Fifteen minutes from 8:05 to 8:20 am on August 29, 2023.

Issue America's 250th Anniversary

Program: Greene County Historian Jonathan Palmer, citing lack of initiative from the state for the upcoming 250th anniversary of the formation of the United States (2026), is encouraging grass roots organization from local historians and town historical groups throughout the county.

Duration: 15 minutes from 3:40pm on Aug 30, 2023

Issues: Concern about the source of the Corona virus and risk it could recur in the future.
Health: The uses of artificial intelligence, and its applications in health care.
Loneliness among women, and the challenges that can discourage them from dating.

Program: Ron Fleming talked about his experiences with the Wuhan Lab in China.
Jennifer Fitzpatrick commented on AI and healthcare .
Sarika Jain was interviewed on why so many women have stopped dating.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on September 3, 2023

Issue: Superintendent Wiktorko Sets Tone for Another WAJ School Year

Program: John Wiktorko gives a wide ranging interview discussing the budget, staffing, security, new directions in curriculum and various challenges to be met this school year.

Duration: 25 minutes from 3:30pm on September 6, 2023

Issues: Health: derision among teenage girls. Environmental issues: the impact of sunscreen. Racism, locally and as a worldwide local issue.

Program: Dr. Cheryl Green talked about teenage girl depression. Mike Maltear detailed environmental problems with sunscreen. Alana Best was interviewed about the racism that still exists around the world.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30am on September 10, 2023

Issues: County Ambulance Consolidation, New Fuel Source for town vehicles. Windham budget process begins.

Program: Mike Ryan reports the county Legislature is discussing the establishment of a consolidated, paid ambulance service in the county, perhaps as soon as early 2024. Supervisor Hoyt described the changes in fuel supply and location for police, ambulances, buses and hiway vehicles and the improved system in place for dispensing and tracking.

Duration: 20 minutes from 3:30pm on September 13, 2023

Issues: Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on business, and using it in positive ways. Health: Dealing with chronic pain. How Seniors can prepare for a potential disaster.

Program: Trevor Wagener discussed how AI is aiding small business growth. Afton Hassett discussed her book "Chronic Pain Reset" Tom Kamber provided disaster preparation tips for seniors.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30am on September 17, 2023

Issue: Environment/Nature

Program: Dr Michael Kudish, local forest historian to talk about the forests of the Catskills, with emphasis on the Eastern Hemlock, the most prevalent tree in the area, and how it influences the rest of the flora in the area.

Duration: Fifteen minutes from 8:05 to 8:20 am on September 20, 2023.

Issue: Changes at Windham's Police Department

Program: Windham Supervisor Hoyt reports Police Chief Tor Tryland has retired from the force. A replacement will be named. Still, the future of the department is in question, with staffing shortages putting a squeeze on smaller departments, like Windham, state-wide. There may be a cooperative agreement with Greene County Sheriff's Office to make up the shortfall.

Duration: 15 minutes from 3:30pm on September 20, 2023

Issues: Education: the high cost of college, especially when it does not lead to sufficient income to justify tuition. Health: the high and ever-increasing cost of hospital bills.
Low Income & Health: nutritional value of diets provided by the SNAP program.

Program: Diane Gayeski addressed the problem of low-paying college degrees. Dr. Mark Miller commented on high hospital bills. Carolina Schneider spoke about new dietary guidelines for SNAP benefits.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on September 24, 2023