

**Quarterly Report Of Significant Issues Facing Service Area
And Typical Programs Broadcast To Address Those Issues
Period: October 1 through December 31, 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: Obtaining the most from Social Security. Fear of online scams. Vegetables as a dietary staple, and the health of horticulture

Program: Abigail Zapote detailed how to access Social Security benefits. Fran Kern discussed on-line scams. Jazmin Albarran spoke on the push for more horticultural jobs.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 0630 on October 1, 2023

Issue: Local Arts & Crafts/Education

Program: Kulvinder Kaur Dhew discussed the upcoming pottery sale and exhibition at Sugar Maples Center for the Creative Arts in Maplecrest NY. She discussed the history of this big weekend, what to expect, and opportunity to sign up for classes in pottery and other creative arts classes.

Duration: Fifteen minutes 0805 to 0820 on October 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, 0805 to 0820 – Oct 4, 11,18,23: Nov 1,8,15,22,29: Dec 6,13,20,27

Issues: Health: Need for kidney donations. The effects of AI on small businesses. In the wake of recent extreme rainfall and flooding, how to be prepared in case of flooding disaster.

Program: Two representatives from the National Fallen Firefighters discussed efforts to improve kidney donations. Jordan Crenshaw commented on how AI is affecting small business. Mitceh Petterson was interviewed about emergency preparedness.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 0630 on October 8, 2023

Issues: Exercise and Fitness

Program: Gerard Friedman, Personal Trainer and Owner of Bellhouse Fitness in Windham NY with a weekly interview on a variety of fitness, exercise and diet options for adults and youth.

Duration: Fifteen minutes 0805 to 0820 –Oct 10,17,24,31; Nov 7,14,21,28; Dec 5,12,19,26

Issues: Windham’s Fall Festival Attracts Record Crowds. Notice of Upcoming Windham Zoning Information Meeting. Catskill Mountain Film Festival coming to Doctorow Center/October 14-15

Program: Mike Ryan and Windham Town Supervisor Thomas Hoyt recapped the very successful Windham Autumn Affair , Columbus Weekend. Mr. Hoyt announces a November public information meeting to solicit feedback on future proposed zoning laws. Writer and Editor Amie Scheibe lays groundwork for the forthcoming trio of independent films at the Doctorow in Hunter.

Duration: 25 minutes from 1530 on October 11, 2023’

Issue: Lexington Community Leader Receives Recognition

Program; Bennett Wine and Lynn Byrne of Lexington NY discussed the following weekend’s dedication of Bonnie’s Trails. This is a celebration of her life and the naming of her favorite hiking trails after her.

Duration; Fifteen minutes 0805 to 0820 on October 12. 2023

Issue; Local Museum/Seeks Auction Support

Program; Suzie Walsh discussed the upcoming Pratt Museum fundraiser auction on October 14

Duration; Fifteen minutes, 0805 to 0820 on October 13. 2023

Issues: Housing: fear of making mistakes when signing a lease. Inflation and saving for retirement and emergency expenses. Health: the danger of vaping.

Program: Jonas Bordo detailed the in's and out's of rental leases. Jeff Arnold gave tips on saving money. Dr. Kami Hoss discussed concerns about oral health and vaping.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 0630 on October 15, 2023

Issue: Mountain Eagle Expands Hunter Coverage

Program: Max Oppen discusses his return to local reporting for Hunter and Tannersville in the Windham Weekly section of the Mountain Eagle.

Duration: 15 minutes from 1530 on October 18, 2023

Issues: Safety concerns with commuting to NYC via rail. Health: dealing with hearing loss. Leisure time: obtaining and enjoying outdoor and wildlife photography.

Program: Shushanna Mignot discussed railroad safety. Shannon Pope revealed symptoms of hearing loss. Arand Varma was interviewed about wildlife photography.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 0630 on October 22, 2023

Issue: Budget in Greene County

Program: County Legislature Chair Pat Linger and County Administrator Shaun Groden break down this year's budget process, tax rates and levies across the county

Duration: 27 minutes from 1530 on October 25, 2023

Issues: Water quality and reliability of the supply. Health: managing one's own health care. Health: Sickle Cell disease.

Program: Mae Stevens talked about the state of water infrastructure in the country. Melissa Mullampby gave tips on how to advocate for yourself regarding healthcare. Rosemary Britts was interviewed regarding on Sickle Cell disease.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 0630 on October 29, 2023

Issue: Jewett Officials Earn Awards

Program: Bob Mallory and Maya Carl, Chair and Co-Chair of the Jewett Republican Committee, discuss their recent recognition as Republicans of the Year from the NYS Assembly and US Congress.

Duration: 27 minutes from 1530 on November 1, 2023

Issues: Focus on Health: Mental health and reluctance to seek help for mental health issues. The annual Medicare supplemental insurance cycle and choosing an appropriate plan. Healthy seafood and our ability to sustain a good supply.

Program: Rawle Andrew discussed why some people may be reluctant to get mental health counseling. Ari Parker gave advice on how to pick the right Medicare plan. Hannah Heimbuch was interviewed about the status of sustainable seafood.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 0630 on November 5, 2023

Issue: Windham Hires New Police Chief

Program: Supervisor Hoyt announces a new Police Chief, to be made official at this week's Town Board meeting. Mr Hoyt also discussed the certification of the newly purchased town ambulance.

Duration: 12 minutes from 1535 on November 8, 2023

Issues: The potentially disruptive effects of AI and augmented reality. Health: the lingering problem of COVID-19. Health: dental health – problems with broken teeth.

Program: Two experts talked about augmented reality. Dr. Eliza Chin updated the COVID situation. Dr. Craig Hirschberg discussed people's fears about broken teeth.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 0630 on November 12, 2023

Issue: New Non-Profit Organizes to Work for and With Endangered and Abandoned Animals

Program: Mark Gorlick, President of the Greene County Animal Alliance discusses the groups goals and strategies. Invoiting residents to an upcoming informational meeting, November 17, at their offices on Main St in Cairo.

Duration: 18 minutes beginning 1530 on November 15. 2023

Issue: Regional Housing/Financial Help

Program: Eileen Knott, Financial and Housing Counselor with the regional Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council (WCCRC) talked about the many services the organization provides, including Home Improvement grants, mobile home upgrades and more. She also offered here free services for financial planning, home buying tips, and seminars for first time home buyers; all free services of WCCR

Duration: Fifteen minutes 0805to 0830 on November 16

Issues: The desire for world peace. Dangers faced by pets. Fraud in the real estate market.

Program: Jeff Hardy talked about how to attain peace in the world. Dr. Magnolia Martinez discussed animal safety. Richard Simon was interviewed about real estate fraud.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 0630 on November 19, 2023

Issue: End of Year Business for Windham

Program: Supervisor Thomas Hoyt covers the approved town budget and some lingering issues of some interest to residents, Mr Hoyt also discussed his recent presentation to the annual gathering of the Windham Foundation in NYC for a new Little League ballfield to be added to the town owned Windham Path property/

Duration: 18 minutes from 1530 on November 21, 2023

Issues: Dangers lurking online for young people. High mortgage interest rates. Recycling.

Program: Kristin Bride talked about online safety for youth. Brian Walsh commented on the real estate mortgage situation. Jeremy Walters discussed recycling.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 0630 on November 26, 2023

Issues: The slow decline in charitable giving. Having a rewarding spiritual life. Benefits to be obtained from military service.

Program: Thomas Tighe talked about the need for more charitable giving. JP DeGance details the results of a survey on spiritual life in America plus Dr. Linda Singh on the plusses of Army life.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 0630 on December 3, 2023

Issue; Fire Displaces 11 Families in Stamford

Program AJ Vamosey. First Assistant Chief of the Stamford Volunteer Fire Department discussed the overwhelming regional response to a devastating fire which consumed two Main Street buildings on Friday, December 1, 2023. Eleven families were left homeless. Vamosy described how the community and the Red Cross mobilized to help relocate those displaced by the tragedy

Duration: Fifteen minutes 0804 to 0820 on December 4, 2023

Issues: Veterans' issues and health. Alternative energy sources and the climate crisis. Survival of endangered species..

Program: Vedia Burnett described a back to nature program for veterans. Kevin Thibeu talked about the future of fossil fuel investments. Lowell Baier discussed on the first 50 years of the Endangered Species Act.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 0630 on December 10, 2023

Issue: Windham Town Board Meeting Preview

Program: Thomas Hoyt reports our new Police Chief will make his first departmental report this week. There was also renewed discussion of the proposed county-wide ambulance in cooperation with an outside consultant, who will try and pull the various agencies together and develop proposals over the next three months.

Duration: 15 minutes from 1539 on December 13, 2023

Issues: Human Rights, and threats to abridge them. Health: Dealing with Parkinson's Disease. Childrens' Issues: the challenges inherent in growing up with two fathers.

Program: Dr. Nicholas Bequelin explored the issue of "Human Rights." Two experts discussed a new survey on Parkinson's Disease. Anthony Mohr was interviewed about the challenges of growing up with two fathers.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 0630 on December 17, 2023

Issue: Windham Presenting A Free Holiday Talent Show. Legislator Legg Update

Program: Pastor Charmaine Russen from the Living Faith Community Church previews the Mountaintop Holiday Extravaganza at the Center Church Friday, December 22. Darrell Legg weighs in on his first year with the County Legislature. Legg stresses the relative lack of partisanship in the effort to move their agenda forward.

Duration: 25 minutes from 1530 on December 20, 2023

Issues: Veterans' Issues: Homelessness, PTSD, and lasting effects. Human trafficking. Childrens' Issues: Effectiveness of teachers.

Program: Patrick Smithwick discussed issues facing homeless veterans. Brandi Bynum commented on the growing problem of human trafficking. Jennifer Nelson shed light on the art of teaching.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 0630 on December 24, 2023

Issue: Windham End of Year Update.

Program: Suprtvisor Hoyt discussed the sizable grants received for the new Ambulance Center. Zoning Board informational meeting on track for tomorrow night (28).

Duration: 26 minutes from 1530 on December 27, 2023

Issues: Education: US potentially falling behind in teaching the sciences. Honoring and remembering deceased veterans. Anticipating predictions for the new year 2024. .

Program: Dan Correa talked about efforts to improve STEM Education. Renee Worcester described the Wreaths Across America program. Sarah Janssen was interviewed about the 2024 World Almanac.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 0630 on December 31, 2023