

Quarterly Report Of Significant Issues Facing Service Area
And Typical Programs Broadcast To Address Those Issues
Period: October 1 through December 31, 2022

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: Retirement and taking advantage of Medicare. Health: Interest in vegan diets. The challenges of helping youngsters deal with death.

Program: Erica Schwartz gave tips on Medicare enrollment. Two experts commented on how to talk to kids about death and loss. Carolina Schneider was interviewed about becoming vegan.

Duration: 28 minutes beginning at 6:30 on October 2, 2022

Issues: Health/Medical/COVID

Programs: Ed Ullman, CEO/Pharmacist of Wellness RX 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 Wednesdays from 8:05 to 8:20 am on 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/02, 11/09, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/07, 12/14, 12/21 & 12/28 2022

Issues New Business in Windham, Jewett Nutrition Reopening

Program: Mike Ryan mentioned another new business about to open in town for 2022. He also reported on the recent meeting of area senior citizens with officials from the Greene County Department of Aging. Ken Brooks announced the reopening and staffing of the Jewett Nutrition Center resumption of home delivered meals. Judy Lopresti from the WAJPL seniors commented on the meeting and announcement.

Duration: 25 Minutes from 3:30pm on October 5, 2022

Issues: Health: Medicare scams. Heart Health: Peripheral Artery Disease. Concern for Hurricane Destruction in Puerto Rico and ways to offer help.

Program: Rebecca Kinney talked about Medicare scams. Dr. Nick west commented on heart PAD disease. Ivonne Rodriguez-Wiewall discussed ways to provide direct relief for Puerto Rico.

Duration: 28 minutes beginning at 6:30 on October 9, 2022

Issue: Windham Autumn Affair 2022, Progress Report on Windham Ambulance Center

Program: Mike Ryan recapped the Columbus Weekend's Windham Autumn Affair with Windham Town Supervisor Thomas Hoyt. Supervisor. Hoyt also reports on the latest progress at the new Ambulance Center as well as the ongoing controversy surrounding a proposed facility in residential Big Hollow (Maplecrest) by Greene County Soil and Water.

Duration: 15 Minutes from 3:30pm on October 11, 2022

Issues: Inflation and confusion over the economy. Effect of interest rates on home values. Health: Shortage of blood donations for diseases such as sickle cell anemia.

Program: Howard Yaruss discussed his book "Understandable Economics." Red Taylor gives an update on the real estate market. Dr. Yvette Miller spoke about the need for more blood donations for sickle cell patients.

Duration: 28 minutes beginning at 6:30 on October 16, 2022

Issue: Remembering Roberta Christman

Program: Roberta Christman and her late husband Stanley were part of the fabric of life in Windham for many years. Her recent passing prompted a replay of a "Rip's Ramblings" interview from 2017, where she recounts life in town, how she met her husband and her special affection for the Windham Journal, which at the time of the interview had just closed its office in Windham and consolidated with the Catskill-Hudson newspapers.

Duration: 15 minutes from 3:30pm on October 19, 2022

Issues: Inequities and flaws in the law and its enforcement. Effects of stress on youth and its impact on the effectiveness of teaching and education. Senior health: dental issues.

Program: Tim Bakken detailed possible changes to the legal system. Amy Knight commented on the need for more mental health counseling in schools. Sarah Chavarria discussed on seniors and dental health

Duration: 28 minutes beginning at 6:30 on October 23, 2022

Issue: Greene County Legislature Announces Budget Open Forum

Program: County Administrator Shaun Groden discussed the 2022 tax levy for residents and explains how revenue (sales, gas and property taxes) is collected to meet the proposed 27-million-dollar budget. He also invited listeners to a forthcoming open forum to discuss budget details. A proposed “bed tax” for 2023 for AirBnB’s, Bed & Breakfasts and Hotels/Resorts, as a hedge against other possible declining revenues will be discussed as well.

Duration: 20 minutes from 3:30pm on October 26, 2022

Issues: High cost of home ownership and lack of affordable housing. Environmental: air pollution in the City. Dangers of rail and subway travel for children.

Program: Dennis Shea talked about the quest for affordable housing. Josh Goralski commented on green projects for cities. Mark Chandler was interviewed about youth railroad safety.

Duration: 28 minutes beginning at 6:30 on October 30, 2022

Issues: Reports from Towns of Jewett and Prattsville

Program: Jewett Supervisor Greg Kroyer details the reopening of the Nutrition Center for Mountaintop Seniors. Prattsville Supervisor Greg Cross discussed changes at the town Highway Department and Firehouse and announced the arrival of broadband service to under-served areas of town.

Duration: 20 minutes from 3:30pm on November 1, 2022

Issues: Teen Health: Teen depression. Choosing the right car for a teenager. Environmental hazards threatening the survival of various species

Program: Dr. Jessica Peck addressed teen depression. Brian Moody discussed how parents can pick the right car for their teens. Michael Webster discussed how some species can reinvent themselves.

Duration: 28 minutes beginning at 6:30 on November 6, 2022

Issue: Margaretville American Legion seeks help for Thanksgiving

Program: Deana Pereira discussed the scope of the forthcoming Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Margaretville American Legion. She asked for help in obtaining all manner of food and especially juice drinks for older citizens. Although volunteers typically step forward, she asked for people willing to drive Thanksgiving dinners to sick and shut-ins from Margaretville to Roxbury.

Duration: 20 minutes from 3:30pm on November 8, 2022

Issue: Windham Supervisor Update

Program: Supervisor Thomas Hoyt discussed the Legislature's proposed "bed tax"; progress report on the new Ambulance Center. Hoyt also discussed this week's public Town Board meeting agenda.

Duration: 17 minutes from 3:30pm on November 9, 2022

Issue: Community Outreach

Program: Interfaith non-denominational Community get together with song, positive messages and unity with three principals; Rev Dr Ivan Kashtek of St. John Ukrainian Catholic Church in Jewett, Irene Miller from Peace Village Haines Falls, and Barbara Swanson from the Church of All Angels

Duration: Twenty minutes on Thursday November 10, 2022 from 8:05 to 8:25 am

Issues: The rising cost of health care. Deterioration of regional cities.
Veterans Affairs: providing benefits for veteran spouses.

Program: Jason Resendez talked about how to save money on health bills. Farhad Omeyr detailed results of a survey on the most distressed cities. Terrone Sims spoke about efforts to change licensing laws for vet spouses.

Duration: 28 minutes beginning at 6:30 on November 13, 2022

Issue: “Last Mile” Broadband a Reality

Program: Greene County Deputy County Administrator Warren Hart discussed a 2.2 million federal grant (ARPA funding) being applied to completion of broadband in the county. Contracts with three local service providers will fill-in the areas identified in a recent mapping project, specific down to the street and house level.

Duration: 15 minutes from 3:30pm on November 16, 2022

Issues: Health: the integrity of baby food. Increasing tensions with China.
The high and increasing cost of prescriptions medications.

Program: Nan Su talked about the delicate relationship between China and the United States.
Jim Geraghity comments on the push for more orphan drugs.
Blythe Thomas was interviewed about on baby food insecurity.

Duration: 28 minutes beginning at 6:30 on November 20, 2022

Issues: Veterans’ Issues: Transitioning from military service back to civilian life.
Health/Teenage Health: The hazards of vaping, d how to curtail the practice.
Health and Obesity: The increasing incidence of Type 2 diabetes.

Program: Brantlee Underhill discussed how vets can better transition to civilian life.
Members of the Truth Initiative discussed anti-vaping laws.
Dr. Ken Redcross was interviewed about the epidemic of diabetes.

Duration: 28 minutes beginning at 9:00 on November 27, 2022

Issue: County Historian Debunks Long Standing Tale from Ashland

Program: Jonathan Palmer details his extensive research regarding the fourteen Irish “colleens” said to have perished in a mill fire in Ashland during the mid1800’s. This story has persisted over many years due to grave markers placed by unknown individuals at St. Joseph’a Church in Prattsville.

Duration: 15 minutes from 3:30pm on November 30, 2022

Issue: Community Involvement in the Performing Arts

Program: Victoria Rinaldi, Choreographer at Catskill Mountain Foundation, talks about local presentation of “The Nutcracker” at the Orpheum Performing Arts Center in Tannersville. Local children and adults will perform along with professional dancers from New York City in this annual presentation. She discussed the auditions, costumes and all that led up to this latest local presentation

Duration: Fifteen minutes on Thursday December 1, 2022 from 8:05 to 8:20

Issues: Equal Opportunities for minority workers, and Affirmative Action. Unrest in the world with Russia pitted against NATO. Environment: sustainable farming.

Program: Dr. Luran Star commented on what happens next on affirmative action. Author Martin Dugard discussed his book "Taking Berlin." Andrew DeCoriolis was interviewed about sustainable farming.

Duration: 28 minutes beginning at 6:30 on December 4, 2022

Issue: Windham Supervisor’s Report

Program: Windham Supervisor Thomas Hoyt reports on a busy week in town, as the holidays were officially ushered in with several well-attended events at both the Windham Civic Center (Chamber Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting and the Hensonville Green Tree Lighting. Hoyt also previews this week’s upcoming Town Board meeting.

Duration: 15 minutes from 3:30pm on December 7, 2022

Issues: Getting by on Unemployment Benefits. Changes in the work environment. The difficulties faced by families with teenagers.

Program: Kevin Crain gave tips on how to make the most of employment benefits. Aaron Terrazas reported on workplace trends. Bruce Sheridan discussed teens can better deal with difficult family life.

Duration: 28 minutes beginning at 6:30 on December 11, 2022

Issue: Maude Adams Theater Hub Holiday Celebration Seeks Publicity

Program: Kara Danzig and Linda Nicholls gave details of a free community holiday concert at the Orpheum Theater in Tannersville on December 17.

Duration: 20 minutes from 3:30pm on December 14, 2022

Issues: Concerns with possible resurgence of COVID, spread of RSV, and virulent strains of flu this Winter. Keeping the police themselves safe from violence. Domestic violence.

Program: Dr. Wendy Hasson gave an update on RSV and the flu. Aaron Negherbon talked about the work of Cops Direct, providing less commonly available equipment. Ed Bartlett was interviewed about domestic violence.

Duration: 28 minutes beginning at 6:30 on December 18, 2022

Issues: The rising cost of housing and rentals. Charitable giving, including as a voluntary way to reduce the tax burden on society. Simple was to seek information for 2023.

Program: Jonas Borco provided a forecast for the U.S. rental market heading into 2023. Erin Prochnow gave insights about the Bezos 1 Families Fund. Sarah Jannssen described information available in the World Almanac.

Duration: 28 minutes beginning at 6:30 on December 25, 2022

Issue: Well Known Local Businessman Set to “Semi-Retire”

Program: Jere Baker of Maplecrest announces his retirement from 50 years of snowmobile and small engine repair. Baker gave a history of life in Big Hollow, spinning several family stories he is known to regale customers with.

Duration: 20 minutes from 3:30pm on December 28, 2022