

**Quarterly Report Of Significant Issues Facing Service Area  
And Typical Programs Broadcast To Address Those Issues  
Period: April 1 through June 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:** Safety in the workplace. Environmentalism and realistic expectations. Affordable summer travel

**Program:** Tony Orlowski talked about workplace safety. Aaron Sachs of Cornell University commented on how people can overreact to environmental concerns, leading to depression, and using dark comedy to detoxify the subject. Katrina Holt offered tips on ways to get summer travel bargains.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on April 2, 2023

**Issue:** Stamford seeks Community Involvement for Earth Day

**Program:** Donna Kennedy of the Stamford NY Business Alliance discussed plans for the activities for the celebration of Earth Day, and the Stamford Clean-up Day scheduled for April 8. She also covered the celebrations on April 22.

**Duration:** Fifteen minutes, from 8:05am on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 April 5,12,19,26 May 3,10,17,24,31 June 7,14,21,28

**Issues:** Equal employment opportunities for the disabled. Improving education. Terrorism and its effects.

**Program:** Penny Mishkin talked about why the disabled are paid less than other workers. Kaitlin Lawson discussed new education aids. Boston Marathon massacre survivor Meghan Zippin was interviewed about her experiences.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on April 9, 2023

- Issues:** High School Athletics in Crisis. Windham Town Hall Update
- Program:** WAJ Varsity Baseball Coach Jim Adair explains how waning interest in high school athletics has created the need for once rival teams, such as WAJ and Hunter-Tannersville, to merge in order to compete in the Delaware League. Windham Town Supervisor reports on the forthcoming Town Board agenda.
- Duration:** 20 minutes from beginning ay 3:30 on April 12, 2023
- Issues:** Education, particularly STEM education. Sexism. Health: getting enough exercise.
- Program:** Dr. Joellen Russell discussed the Science Moms program. Amy Summers talked about sexism in the natural products industry. Craig Alexander provided practical exercise tips.
- Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on April 16, 2023
- Issues:** Watershed Assistance Program Update; New Trail Openings and Dedications
- Program:** Michelle Yost explains the various programs available to landowners through her office. Ms Yost also reported on the most recent local trail events and openings in Lexington and Hunter, including a new pedestrian bridge dedication on the new Hunter rail trail
- Duration:** 25 minutes from 3:30pm on April 23, 2023
- Issues:** Health care, and concerns over the consolidation of hospitals. Environment: the contribution of farming practices. Veterans' Issues: healing from war injuries.
- Program:** Shaundell Newsome discussed the effects of hospital consolidation. Moira McDonald commented on the need for better farming practices. Shana Hill, Manager and Dina Halston, a participant, explained "Miracles on the Mountainside," a sports camp for veterans.
- Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on April 23, 2023

**Issue:** Little League Seeks Expansion in 2023

**Program:** Phil Devlin and Bruce McNab Sr. talked about the forthcoming Mountain Top Little League Season , including sign-up information and qualifications. Also discussed were the new team uniforms, the newly renovated Little League field, and the origin of the term “Knights of the Road” – the Little League’s long-serving supporting organization.

**Duration:** Fifteen minutes from 8:05am on April 25, 2023

**Issues:** The effects of Federal legislation on small business. Safety: Distracted driving, and texting while driving. Making Summer plans to relieve stress.

**Program:** Small business analyst David Joe talked about proposed federal legislation. Tricia Morrow detailed the growing problem of distracted drivers. Travel advisor James Lenahan was interviewed about planning summer travel.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on April 30, 2023

**Issues:** Human trafficking. Financial security in the current inflationary environment. Health issues: staying in shape, hiking.

**Program:** Ruchira Gupta discussed human trafficking both internationally and domestically. Christine Channels talked about financial health. Brandi Horton spoke about hiking for health.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on May 7, 2023

**Issues:** Major area roads and bridges to undergo repairs and replacement

**Program:** Windham Town Supervisor Thomas Hoyt announces a series of Public Meetings to present plans for major Federal Funds earmarked for CR-40, with major changes proposed.

**Duration:** 20 minutes from 3:30pm on May 10, 2023

**Issues:** Water quality and scarcity. Health: the dangers of vaping. Personal finance – saving money in inflationary times.

**Program:** Sandra Postal detailed ways to save water. Dr. Susan Walley discussed the need to curtail vaping. Stephanie O'Connell discussed the question, "Why is it so hard to save money?"

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on May 14, 2023

**Issues:** Ambulance Service Consolidation in Mountaintop Towns. Jeremy Glick to be memorialized in Jewett

**Program:** Mike Ryan reports on initial plans to combine ambulance services on Mountaintop. Greg Kroyer announces a renaming of local road in Jewett to Jeremy Glick Way,

**Duration:** 25 minutes from 3:30pm on May 17, 2023

**Issue:** Spirituality as an Alternative Lifestyle

**Program:** Susan Pollock of Peace Village in Haines Falls NY discussed the upcoming appearance of Sister Jayanti, the International Head of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, to which the public is invited. She also talked about the retreat opportunities at Peace Village.

**Duration:** Fifteen minutes from 8:05am on May 18, 2023

**Issues:** Health: Rising cost of prescription drugs. Ransomware, phishing, hacker attacks, and security for computer users. Climate change; its effects on different areas of the world.

**Program:** Mark Blum discussed the problem of rising prescription drug costs. Christina Gerhardt commented on the specific challenges faced by Pacific Islands affected by climate change. David Lewis provided information about cyber security.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on May 21, 2023

**Issues:** Windham Ambulance Center update. County EMS honored in Windham,

**Program:** Mike Ryan and Windham Town Supervisor Thomas Hoyt provided details on the imminent grand opening of the Windham Ambulance Center and a recent post-COVID dinner honoring County EMS workers at Christman's Windham House.

**Duration:** 18 minutes from 3:30pm on May 24, 2023

**Issues:** Threat of wildfires during the current drought. Out of control prices and mortgage interest rates in the real estate market. Health: controlling obesity,

**Program:** Michelle Steinberg gave tips on how homeowners can protect their property from wildfires. Troy Green provided an update on the real estate market.  
Dr. Udo Erasmus discussed the health implications of obesity.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on May 28, 2023

**Issues:** Employee turnover causing difficulties in local businesses. Corporations involving themselves in politics, the pros and cons. Honesty and clarity in product labeling.

**Program:** Dani McDonald detailed how businesses can retain their employees. Kevin Stocklin talked about why some corporations are taking political stands.  
Dr. Billy Goldberg discussed clean label products.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on June 4, 2023

**Issues:** Mountain Top Little League Expands. Sandcastle Competition Returns July 4.

**Program:** Mike Ryan reports on the season opening of the Knights of the Road / Mountaintop Little League and their plans for travel to play teams from valley towns this season. Thomas Hoyt outlines the forthcoming Town Board Meeting agenda as well as the Sandcastle competition at CD Lane Park this July 4.

**Duration:** 20 minutes from 3:30 pm on June 7, 2023

**Issues:** The tax burden on small businesses. Health: helping to prevent a stroke. Health: the mental health of men.

**Program:** Kevin Kuhlman talked about taxes and small business. Dr. Mahesh Jayaraman discussed stroke prevention. David McGee on men's mental health.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on June 11, 2023

**Issue:** Prattsville Community Group Creates Summer Stage seeks to attract residents and visitors

**Program:** Melissa Peters and Natalie Altamirano announce the free Prattsville Summer Stage series of monthly live concerts and movies on the Prattsville Town Green.

**Duration:** 25 minutes from 3:30pm on June 14, 2023

**Issues:** The success of small and local businesses. Retirement Investments in oil and gas. Concerns about the efficacy of foster care and its effects on foster children..

**Program:** Claire O'Donnell discussed the importance of small business with online shoppers. JP Bolton talked about oil and gas investments. Emil Rem pointed out positive aspects of foster care.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on June 18, 2023

**Issue:** Enriching the Mountaintop Through The Arts

**Program:** Victoria Rinaldi of the Catskill Mountain Foundation with an appeal for potential dancers and actors for the upcoming production of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” to be performed in August. She was looking for children, no dance experience necessary from the community to perform with a troupe of professional dancers. Auditions being held in Hunter the following weekend

**Duration:** Fifteen minutes from 8:05am on June 8, 2023

**Issue:** Summer Safety.

**Program:** Following a recent serious auto vs. pedestrian accident, Windham Supervisor Hoyt reminds residents to practice safety on Windham’s Main Street and utilize the recently repainted cross-walks.

**Duration:** 15 minutes from 3:30 on June 21, 2023

**Issue:** Veterans’ Health Issues

**Program:** Jeff Gonzalez and Bob Rhodes of the Windham Masonic Lodge to discuss the upcoming “Walk for Heroes”, in which a veteran will walk from Highland NY to the Masonic Lodge in Windham, joined by other veterans during his walk, culminating in a program concerning PTSD at the Lodge on Saturday, and to bring attention to research about PTSD being done at the Mason’s Research Institute in Utica.

**Duration:** Fifteen minutes from 8:05am on June 23



**Issues:** Veterans' Health. The harmful effects social media often has on teenagers.  
Planning affordable vacations in the upcoming season.

**Program:** Dr. Catherine Kelso provided details about geriatric care options for veterans.  
Robert Schmidt commented on the dangers of social media on teens.  
Cecilia Seiden gave a number of useful summer travel tips.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on June 25, 2023

**Issue:** Local Event Raises 14k for PTSD Awareness.

**Program:** Mike Ryan reports on the recent "Walk For Heroes" event, which raised \$14,000 to raise awareness of veteran suicides and PTSD. Gy. Sgt Donald Rion (USMC – Ret) walked 67 miles from Highland NY to Windham to fulfill his pledge to businesses and individuals who supported the cause.

**Duration::** 20 minutes from 3:30pm on June 28, 2023