

**Quarterly Report Of Significant Issues Facing Service Area  
And Typical Programs Broadcast To Address Those Issues  
Period: January 1 through March 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:** 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:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30 on January 1, 2023

**Issue:** 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, developments in medicine and how it relates to our region.

**Duration:** Fifteen minutes, 8:15 to 8:20 am January 04, 11, 18, 25, February 01, 08, 15, 22, March 01, 08, 15, 22, 29, 2023

**Issue:** Mountaintop Remembers Beloved Legislator

**Program** Mike Ryan discusses the legacy of Lois Jenkins (1924-2022), a lifelong politician who served the greater Lexington, NY and Greene Country area.

**Duration:** 15 minutes from 3:30pm on January 4, 2023

**Issues:** Theatre Troupe Auditions; Zoning Considered for Windham

**Program:** Mike Ryan described three women-centered productions planned in Hunter by the Maude Adams Theater Hub and the call for auditions. Thomas Hoyt announces decisions to move ahead with zoning discussion.

**Duration:** 20 minutes from 3:30 pm on January 11, 2023

**Issues:** Rampant inflation. Health: depression, and better communication with one's doctors.

**Program:** Michele Raneri talked about inflation. Melissa Mulamphy discussed how communication with doctors can be improved. Marni Goldman was interviewed regarding on depression.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30 am on January 8, 2023

**Issues:** Racial discrimination. Transition to (new) jobs. Police safety.

**Program:** Amri Johnson talked about inclusion and diversity. Andrew Campbell discusses the new era of apprenticeships. Michael Letts spoke about Invest USA, which provides safety vests for police at no cost.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30 am on January 15, 2023

**Issues:** Health: The (in)efficiency and (non)affordability of health care. Saving money on prescription meds. Personal development and growth

**Program:** Joseph Radich talked about ways to improve the health system. Dr. Gregory Jantz discussed drugs on the internet. Joe Hart was interviewed about self development.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 9:00 on January 22, 2023

**Issue:** Town Considers Exemptions to Property Taxes for First Responders

**Program:** Tom Hoyt announces details of a new initiative to offer 10% off assessed value for members of local fire companies who own their own homes.

**Duration:** 20 minutes from 3:30 pm on January 25, 2023

**Issue:** Wounded Veterans/Rehabilitation

**Program:** James Mitchell from the Adaptive Sports Foundation, a local organization providing a variety of opportunities for adults and children with disabilities, discussed the Warriors In Motion Weekend at the Windham Mountain Ski area. This program brings wounded service people together for a Winter Sports Weekend, to get them back into outdoor activities.

**Duration:** Fifteen minutes from 8:05 to 8:20 am on January 27, 2023.

**Issues:** Children's Issues: Saving the unborn, and difficulties in relationships with parents. Understanding and investing in art.

**Program:** Dr. Scott Adzick talked about fetal surgery. Jason Wilcox commented on parent-child relationships. Michael Findlay was interviewed about the world of art.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30 am on January 29, 2023

**Issue:** Maude Adams Theater Update

**Program:** Mike Ryan speaks with the two seasoned directors bringing together local talent for two challenging yet engaging productions, “Casa Valentina” and “Vagina Monologues” later this month at the Doctorow Center in Hunter.

**Duration:** 25 minutes from 3:30 pm on February 1, 2023

**Issue:** Local Retired Newscaster Discusses Media, New Book

**Program:** Popular retired Capital Region TV Personality Phil Bayly (ex-WNYT NewsChannel 13 Albany) discussed the state of news media, his career in TV and radio - and his career as a murder-mystery novelist, as well as some vignettes of his time in broadcasting in the region.

**Duration:** Fifteen minutes from 8:05 to 8:20 am on February 2, 2023

**Issues:** Discrimination and diversity in youth sports. Illnesses and COVID resurgence during the cold months of Winter. Frustration with efforts to be successful in business and life.

**Program:** Khalid Green talked about increasing diversity in youth sports. Udo Erasmus gave tips on staying healthy in winter. Tip for achieving success in various endeavors were given by “Build a Bear’s” Sharon Price John.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30 am on February 5, 2023

**Issue:** Paper Honors Catskill Mountain Foundation

**Program:** Mike Ryan reports the editorial staff of the Windham Weekly have named Peter and Sarah Finn 2023 “Persons of the Year” in the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CMF.

**Duration:** 15 minutes from 3:30 pm on February 8, 2023

**Issue:** County YMCA Seeks to Increase Community Awareness

**Program:** Toni Carroll of the Greene County YMCA discussed the many programs available for people of all ages at the “Y”, located in Coxsackie. She also talked about the fact that many county residents are not aware that this YMCA is more than just a gym, an important part of what they offer.

**Duration:** Fifteen minutes from 8:05 to 8:20 am on February 9, 2023

**Issues:** Education: taking advantage of family wisdom. Health and obesity – eating disorders. Childrens’ health: maintaining dental health.

**Program:** Jim Marggraff detailed how grandparents can help to educate their grand kids. Two experts discussed eating disorders. Dr. Amir Moursi spoke about the challenges of on pediatric dentistry.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30 am on February 12, 2023

**Issue:** Maude Adams Theater Hub Production Seeks Publicity

**Program:** Nineteen-year-old Allegra Coons, a native of Lexington, talks about her role in “Exit Laughing” – a new comedy production coming to the Doctorow Center in Hunter. Allegra discusses her background and future ambitions/

**Duration:** 15 minutes from 3:30 pm on February 15, 2023

**Issues:** Human trafficking. Health: alternatives to traditional medicine. Teaching young people how to be responsible with their money and finances..

**Program:** Sister Irene talked about a worldwide effort by Catholic nuns to fight human trafficking. Dr. Kulreen Chaudhary discussed alternative health treatments. Two co-authors were interviewed about kids and finances.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30 am on February 19, 2023

**Issue:** Windham Supervisor Update

**Program:** Mike Ryan and Tom Hoyt discuss a proposed energy supplier for the town. Residents can opt out as desired/ Tom also discusses revised Site Plan rules and a revision of the town’s Set Back Law.

**Duration:** 15 minutes from 3:30 pm on February 22, 2023

**Issues:** Health: getting good care in hospitals. Bullying. Driving safely in traffic.

**Program:** Donna Christensen discussed the quest for good hospital care. Pamela Gockley commented on bullying. Jon Baldwin and Damian Kivett spoke on traffic safety.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30 am on February 29, 2023

**Issue:** Mayoral Race in Tannersville Produces Challenger

**Program:** Mike Ryan interviews 16-year incumbent Mayor Lee McGunnigle and his challenger, local businessman Dave Schneider, about each other's vision for the future of the Village and how to best address the challenge of smart growth.

**Duration:** 25 minutes from 3:30 pm on March 1, 2023

**Issues:** Employment: getting jobs and training in tech industries. Financial Security: appropriate use of ETFs as investments. Financial Security: financial planning in retirement

**Program:** Ashwin Bharath talked about challenges in tech employee hiring. Alison Bonds explained Exchange Traded Funds. Ali Katz provided information for financial planning by seniors.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30 am on March 5, 2023

**Issues:** Polarization in America. Efficacy of electric vehicles vs conventional fuels. Health: dealing with hearing loss.

**Program:** Matthew Williams talked about his book "The Science of Hate." James Bell gave the pros and cons of electric vehicles. Martin Greader discussed hearing loss.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30 am on March 12, 2023

**Issue:** Windham Mountain Plans Large Scale Concert for Fall 2023

**Program:** Kate Sullivan, Windham Mountain Director of Marketing, describes the planning and promotion for the "Cave Mountain Catskills Music Festival" September 15 & 16. This is the first large scale event in Windham since the UCI World Cup Mountain Bike Races, back in 2010, 2014 and 2015.

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

**Issues:** Health: dementia, heart diseases, achieving a sustainable exercise program.

**Program:** A discussion with two physicians regarding ways to prevent or slow the process of dementia. Katrin Werner-Perez detailed the symptoms to enable people to recognize heart valve disease. Tyler Martin discussed exercise plans that are sustainable.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30 am on March 19, 2023

**Issue:** Expanding Programs/Classes at Sugar Maples Center for the Creative Arts

**Program:** Kulvinder Kaur Dhew, Director of the Sugar Maples Center for Creative Arts of the Catskill Mountain Foundation in Maplecrest, explained the upcoming Spring programs in sculpting, ceramics, pottery as well as summer programs. Enrollment costs and other important information was discussed, including how and where to sign up.

**Duration:** Fifteen minutes from 8:05 to 8:20 am on March 21, 2023

**Issue:** Windham PD Requests Updated CAD System

**Program:** Tom Hoyt Reports Police Chief Tryland has proposed new Computer Aided Dispatch equipment for the department. This upgrade enables instant communication with other police agencies along with all emergency responders, fire and 911 Emergency dispatchers and cars

**Duration:** 15 minutes from 3:30 pm on March 22, 2023

**Issues:** Maintaining justice and fairness in the American legal system. Health: nutritional value of school lunches. Health: dealing with insomnia.

**Program:** Daniel Hatcher discussed the legal system in America. Megan Lott detailed efforts to improve the health of school lunches. Lee Gerdes described new cures for insomnia.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30 am on March 26, 2023