

**Quarterly Report Of Significant Issues Facing Service Area  
And Typical Programs Broadcast To Address Those Issues  
Period: October 1 through December 31, 2021**

**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.

**Issue:** Community Involvement in the Arts

**Program:** Victoria Rinaldi, Choreographer at Catskill Mountain Foundation, talking about local auditions for the Holiday performances of "The Nutcracker" at the Orpheum in Tannersville. Local children and adults will perform along with professional dancers from New York City in this annual presentation.

**Duration:** Fifteen minutes on Friday October 1, 2021 8:05 to 8:20 am.

**Issues:** Health: Alternative Medicines to Drugs. COVID-19 Risks During Pregnancy. Damage to Home Roofing from Recent Hurricanes Henri and Ida.

**Program:** Lewis Grossman looked at the history of alternative remedies. Dr. Carolyn Brooks provided information for pregnant women who are worried about COVID-19. Bernie Staub was interviewed about issues pertaining to the integrity of roofs.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 7:00 on October 3, 2021

**Issue:** Arts/Community Fundraising

**Program:** Amy Scheib of the Hunter Foundation to talk about the upcoming live performance of the “Rocky Horror Picture Show” at the Orpheum Theatre in Tannersville, a fundraiser for the Hunter Foundation. The cast is made up of professional actors and students from Hunter-Tannersville High School.

**Duration:** Fifteen minutes on Tuesday October 5, 2021 from 8:05 to 8:20 am.

**Issues:** Health, Medical and COVID-specific Updates

**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 Wednesdays from 8:05am on 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, and 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, and 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22 & 12/29, 2021

**Issue:** Independent Film Lenses in Windham

**Program:** Patricia Charbonneau, noted actress who lives and works in the Windham area, describes her latest movie project, “Skipping Stones.” She describes her background, the director and cast and the local shoot locations, her-co-stars and the forthcoming debut October 22 at Time and Space Limited in Hudson.

**Duration:** 20 minutes from 3:30pm on October 6, 2021

**Issues:** Cost and Value of College Education. Retirement Security. Victims' Rights

**Program:** Arthur Levine commented on the future of higher education. Greg Mennis gave a progress report on public pension debts. Ashley Elliott spoke on victims' rights.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 7:00 on October 10, 2021

**Issue:** Windham Autumn Affair 2021 Recap – a Boon for Tourism

**Program:** Windham Town Supervisor Thomas Hoyt reviewed this year's successful Autumn Affair, organized and presented by the Windham Chamber Of Commerce. Mr. Hoyt made note of all the extra attractions this year and the sizable influx of day-trippers and second homeowners enjoying the two day festival. (WRIP broadcast live on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from Main Street)

**Duration:** 15 minutes from 3:30pm on October 13, 2021

**Issues:** The Political Makeup of the Supreme Court. COVID-19: The Anxiety it Causes for Kids. Senior Issues: Safe Driving Practices at Railroad Crossings.

**Program:** Professor Erwin Chemerinsky commented on Supreme Court decisions throughout the decades. Laura Linn Knight discussed kids and COVID anxiety. Nadji Kirby pointed out issues regarding railroad crossing safety.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 7:00 on October 17, 2021

**Issue:** Seasonal Workforce Housing Shortage

**Program:** Susan Sommers of Windham Mountain to talk about the housing shortage for seasonal workers at the resort. She was looking for local residents who had housing for these workers in exchange for perks from Windham Mountain including free ski passes.

**Duration:** Fifteen minutes on Tuesday October 19, 2021 from 8:05 to 8:20 am.

**Issue:** The Unsung Work of a Freelance Videographer

**Program:** Lance Wheeler spoke of his career, first in radio news and most notably in television news as a videographer. Wheeler works as a freelance “stringer” for WRGB-TV in Schenectady and also produces independent local video programs on Public Access cable.

**Duration:** 20 minutes from 3:30pm on October 20, 2021

**Issues:** Vaccines, Mandates, Flu, COVID. Product Shortages. Crime and Home Safety

**Program:** John Fenton talked about why store shelves may be bare for the holidays. Meaghan Murphy commented on how to have strong neighborhoods. Karyne Jones spoke on the importance of pneumonia shots.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 7:00 on October 24, 2021

**Issues:** Major Changes at Greene County Legislature: Larry Gardner, Darryl Legg

**Program:** Mike Ryan talks to Larry Gardner, a 40-year Legislator, Windham Town Attorney and a practicing attorney, on the announcement of his retirement December 31. Larry reflects on his Legislature highlights and plans for the future. Darryl Legg discussed his running (unopposed) for Legislature to replace Gardner and his priorities when he enters office in 2022.

**Duration:** 25 minutes beginning at 3:30pm on October 27, 2021

**Issues:** Health: The High Cost of Prescription Meds. The Fast-Rising Cost of Cars. The Legacy of President Obama.

**Program:** Claude Clegg explored the Obama years. Dan Leonard talked about ways to lower prescription drug costs. Matt Dilorenzo was interviewed about the chip and supply line shortages and their effect on the new and used car markets.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 7:00 on October 31, 2021

**Issue:** Christmas Program for Stratton VA Long Term Care Vets Seeks Support

**Program:** Ginny Gurley described her 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas for Veterans drive and seeks donations for both individual long term care and for the recreation centers at the Stratton VA Medical Center itself. Michael Meli, a veteran, described a companion video program produced by his three sons, involving many young students in the community, to upload to the veterans for viewing.

**Duration:** 15 minutes from 3:30pm on November 3, 2021

**Issues:** Health: COVID Protection. Cancer and Genetic Predisposition. How to Remain Physically Active.

**Program:** Dr. Marcus Schabacker detailed truths about COVID masks. Ruth Tennen and Gina Marie Burris talked about genes and cancer. Former Olympian Benita Fitzgerald Mosley on the importance of neighborhood sports.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 7:00 on November 7, 2021

**Issues:** Job Security. Providing Care for Elders and the Infirm. Political Partisanship.

**Program:** Manual Hinds explained 'liberal democracy.' Darcy Eikenberg discussed how to save faltering careers. Bianca Padilla provided suggestions to assist caregivers.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 7:00 on November 14, 2021

**Issues:** Return of Live Music to the Mountaintop. Prattsville Update

**Program:** Robert Manno announced the return of the Windham Chamber Music Festival Thanksgiving Weekend concert at the Orpheum Theater in Tannersville. Manno outlines the planned musical program. Prattsville Supervisor Greg Cross addresses the Site Plan Moratorium, a six month “hold” on projects pending before the Town Board.

**Duration:** 20 minutes from 3:30pm on November 17, 2021

**Issues:** Health: Support for Womens' Health. The Burden of Handling Student Loans. Future Prospects for Success Among Teens and Young Adults.

**Program:** Actress Susan Lucci commented on the need for more womens' health research. Brian Walsh provided suggestions as to how to better deal with student loans. Olana Darkins Drewery spoke about the Shyne Awards, recognizing the achievements of young adults ages 13 - 19.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 7:00 on November 21, 2021

**Issues:** COVID Vaccines and Comfort Levels with Vaccine Mandates. Senior Issues: Seniors Feeling Alone. Safety of Cruising During the COVID Pandemic.

**Program:** John Mahoney commented on the legality of vaccine mandates. Jill McNamara talked about loneliness among seniors. Colleen McDaniel was interviewed about on cruising with COVID. 48

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 7:00 on November 28, 2021

**Issue:** Tannersville Receives 10 Million Dollar Main St Improvement Grant

**Program:** Sean Mahoney, Executive Director of The Hunter Foundation describes the town-wide governmental effort to secure this major grant from the State, and some of the preliminary plans for town improvements.

**Duration:** 25 minutes from 3:30pm on December 1, 2021

**Issues:** Stretching the Family Budget. Privacy Concerns among Students. Traveling Safely During the Resurgent Pandemic.

**Program:** Rory Groves defined family-centered economics. Elizabeth Laird talked about student privacy. Laura Lindsay provided holiday travel tips 49

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 7:00 on December 5, 2021

**Issue:** Major Development Underway in Windham. Local author publishes a mystery, set in Prattsville

**Program:** Windham Town Supervisor Thomas Hoyt reports on a lot of movement in the Real Estate market with a windfall of mortgage tax dollars. The recent sale of the Thompson House to the Wylder resort chain brought a \$750,000 investment grant to the project from the State Of New York. This on top of the estimated \$18 million in improvements now underway on that historic property. Author Gary McKnight discusses his just published "Englishman In Prattsville" with some characters loosely modeled on certain local figures.

**Duration:** 20 minutes from 3:30pm on December 8, 2021

**Issue:** Encouraging Community Involvement for the Holiday

**Program:** Lisa Jaeger of the Windham Chamber of Commerce gives an update on the tree lighting celebration in downtown Windham coming up the following day at 6 pm at the Windham Civic Center. She mentions the lighting, and the carriage rides and other events included in the festivities.

**Duration:** 15 minutes from 8:05am on December 10, 2021

**Issues:** America's Security. Generational Misunderstandings. Health: Drug and Other Addictions

**Program:** Eldridge Colby discussed America's future defense policy. Robert Dilenschneider commented on the accomplishments of twenty-somethings. Concepta McNamara was interviewed about addiction.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 7:00 on December 12, 2021

**Issues:** Cybercrime and Data Hacking. Rising Gas Prices and Energy Costs. Helping Those with Disabilities.

**Program:** Michael Bruemmer discussed the growing problem of data breaches. Emiliy Skor commented on the growing use of biofuels. Perry LaRoque spoke on challenges of educating those with disabilities. 51

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 7:00 on December 19, 2021

**Issues:** Confusion Over Crypto Currency. Failures of the Judicial System.  
Health: Inaccuracy in Medical Research.

**Program:** Chris Brady offered facts about crypto currencies. Qudsiya Naqui talked about how technology is helping courts. Sydney Halpern discussed harmful medical research.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 7:00 on December 26, 2021