

**Quarterly Report Of Significant Issues Facing Service Area
And Typical Programs Broadcast To Address Those Issues
Period: January 1 through March 31, 2024**

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: Senior Citizen Issues

Program: Lula Anderson discussed the current state of affairs with seniors and especially the WAJPL Golden Agers, of which she remains president.

Duration: 20 minutes from 3:30pm on January 3, 2024

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, provided weekly updates on COVID-19 Vaccines, the latest developments in medicine, and specifically how they relates to our region.

Duration: Fifteen minutes, 8:05 to 8:20 am – Jan 3, 10, 17,24,31 Feb 7,14,21,28, March 6,13,20

Issue: Fitness/Exercise

Program: Girard Friedman, Personal Trainer and Owner of Bellhouse Fitness in Windham NY with a weekly interview on a variety of fitness and exercise programs for adults and youth, with weekly topics covering various aspects of fitness, incorporating exercise and diet

Duration: Fifteen minutes 8:05 to 8:20 am –Jan 2, 9,16,23,30 Feb 6,13,20,27 March 5,12,19,26

Issues: The Environment and the continued use of carbon-based fuels. Health: how is technology aiding medicine in improving health outcomes? Employment: burnout experienced by people being overworked of in monotonous jobs.

Program: Suzanne Ogle talked about the future of fossil fuels. Catherine Pugh commented on health and technology. Edward Beltran discussed worker burnout.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on January 7, 2024

Issue: Windham Plans New Dog Park, Little League Field

Program: Tom Hoyt discusses Town Board Agenda items including a new Dog Park, in the vicinity of the Windham Path, and a new Little League ball field being considered at one of two proposed town sites.

Duration: 21 minutes from 3:30pm on January 10, 2024

Issues: Health: Benefiting from clinical trials. Health: Common over-the-counter medications and supplies that should be on hand in the home. The threats posed by Artificial Intelligence,

Program: Health: Dana Dornsife detailed how to participate in clinical trials. . Benjamin Jack discussed common medications that should be in a home medicine cabinet. Martin Kabaki was interviewed regarding AI.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on January 14, 2024

Issue: Jewett Veterans Monument Plans Take Shape

Program: Jewett Councilman John Giordano discussed plans underway for funding and constructing a veterans monument in Jewett in 2024 with the assistance of county and private grants.

Duration: 25 minutes from 3:30pm on January 17, 2024

Issues: Concern for the economic health of small businesses and local “Mom and Pop” stores. The high cost of college education, and concern for the financial well-being of future generations. Health: understanding and making healthy food choices.

Program: Trevor Wagener discussed the results of a new survey on small business growth. Chris Corosa detailed how parents can invest for their kids. Sandy Robertson was interviewed about how people tend to make their food choices.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on January 21, 2024

Issue: Prattsville Arts Center Seeks Event Publicity

Program: Marisa Caruso, Producer-Performer-Writer at Hill People Comedy, described forthcoming live performances.

Duration: 15 minutes from 3:30pm on January 24, 2024

Issue: Maude Adams Theater Hub Readies “Rocky Horror Show”

Program: Caitlyn Woods discussed her budding career, and contributions to the local theater scene since 2016.

Duration: 15 minutes from 3:30 pm on January 26, 2024

Issues: Health: The high cost of prescription medication. Improving access to affordable housing and services. Political polarization and the irrational positions many people adopt when deciding on a candidate to support and vote for.

Program: Antonio Ciaccia discussed new legislation to lower prescription drug prices. Weina Zheng discussed urban planning. Dr. Patrick Hurley explored the need for critical thinking.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on January 28, 2024

Issue: Introducing Reporter Max Oppen; Windham Government Update

Program: Max Oppen has joined the Mountain Eagle staff, specializing in news and sports in the Hunter-Tannersville area. Max discussed his beat with Mike Ryan. Windham Supervisor Thomas Hoyt recaps the most recent Town Board meeting and approval for a new Dog Park,

Duration: 22 minutes from 3:30 PM January 31, 2024

Issues: Attaining financial stability. “Cancel culture.” Disruptions by unruly pets.

Program: Major Justin Erwin gave financial advice for consumers. David Ragsdale detailed how his group is un-canceling the canceled. Brad Phifer discussed ways to train pets.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on February 4, 2024

Issues: Education, and concerns about its quality. Fraud that occurred during the COVID pandemic. Fears associated with self-driving cars.

Program: Dr. Kathleen Corley detailed ways to approach the improvement of education. Scott Fulford revealed how some people made money during the pandemic. Dr. Matt Markel discussed the issue associated with self-driving cars.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on February 11, 2024

Issue: History and Life on the Mountaintop

Program: 70 year residents Jack and Betty Verhoeven were celebrated with their recollections of life on the farm and life in the Mountaintop community.

Duration: 19 minutes from 3:30 on February 14, 2024

Issue: Wildlife Rehab/Community Resource

Program: Dave Loverde of Friends of the Feathered and Furry Wildlife Center discussed the Wildlife rehabilitation and education the Center provides, along with their needs for animal feed and more. He explained they receive no federal or state funds so they rely on donations and fundraisers like the bake sale coming up the following weekend in Tannersville.

Duration: Fifteen minutes from 8:05 to 8:20 am on Thursday February 15, 2024

Issues: Human trafficking. Employment: how seniors may be able to find a job. Health: Fear of, and dealing with, sudden cardiac arrest.

Program: Antonio Salazar Hobson discussed the growing problem of human trafficking. Carly Roszkowski provided tips on how seniors can find employment. A new, less invasive implant (EIDC device) was described by Dr. Allen Chan.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on February 18, 2024

Issues: Jewett Monument Update, +Dog Park Plan Update

Program: John Giordano reported on funding received and the timeline for the veterans' monument construction. Thomas Hoyt reported on Dog Park funding as well as graffiti discovered on retaining walls on Main Street

Duration: 15 min from 3:30pm on February 21, 2024

Issue: Local Economy/Jobs

Program: Matt Mantone of Britelife Recovery discussed a new rehabilitation facility being built and set to open in April 2024 in Lexington, NY He discussed the ongoing construction of the facility and the use of existing structure to create a large facility offering jobs to local residents in many different categories.

Duration: Fifteen minutes from 8:05 to 8:20 am on February 22, 2024

Issues: Health: Heart disease and early detection. Youth: Problems faced by kids with parents in jail. Education: encouraging people of all ages to read.

Program: Mark Opuaszky detailed a new heart monitoring device. Amy Friedman was interviewed about issues faced by children with incarcerated parents. Author Mark Greaney discussed the action/adventure genre.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on February 25, 2024

Issue: Greene County Debuts Podcast

Program: Thomas Boomhower of Greene County Economic Development described “Best Kept Secrets of Greene County,” showcasing county towns, businesses and people who tie the area economy together.

Duration: 33 minutes from 3:30pm on February 28, 2024

Issues: Environmental concerns re: the water supply. Health: risks of peripheral artery disease.

Program: Two segments on water resources with guests David Sedlak and Scott Wilson. Also, a discussion peripheral artery disease.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on March 3, 2024

Issue: County EMS Shortage; Town Board Preview

Program: Mike Ryan reported on a county initiative to subsidize training for potential; EMS candidates. Thomas Hoyt announced the acceptance of additional wastewater output thanks to a CWC grant. Area flood control dam inspections and certification will be paid for by Federal grants.

Duration: 20 minutes from 3:30pm on March 6, 2024

Issues: Health: the state of healthcare. Philanthropy. Literature.

Program: Dr. Alan Reisinger described results of a new survey on healthcare. Ryan Rippel discussed the work of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. David Parker was interviewed about his new book "Rome 476."

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on March 10, 2024

Issue: Harnessing East Durham Community Spirit After 30+ Years

Program: Michael Conner and Ed McLaughlin discussed the first St. Patrick’s Day parade in 32 years, coming back to the largely Irish Community of East Durham NY on Sunday March 17, St Patrick’s Day. Talked about the community, the past parades and all information for those participating and attending

Duration: Fifteen minutes from 8:05 to 8:20 am on March 11, 2024

Issue: Update On Prattsville

Program: Prattsville Town Supervisor Greg Cross reports on the arrival of High Speed Internet to rural County Route 2, Pratt Rock Park improvements, and other town news.

Duration: 27 minutes from 3:30pm on March 13, 2024

Issues: Veterans Issues: Dealing with depression and suicide. Education: change in the SAT, particularly the conversion to digital. Housing: the increasing cost of rent.

Program: Naomi Mathis discussed the growing problem of vet suicides. Priscilla Rodriguez talked about the new digital SAT test. Jonas Bordo spoke on ways to reduce rent.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on March 17, 2024

Issues: Health: Concerns about colorectal cancer and its detection. Health: Healing from injury and trauma. Financial: Confusion over digital currency.

Program: A discussion on colorectal cancer was featured. Miles Fuller discussed digital currency tax regulations. Brandy Gillmore was interviewed about how the mind heals the body.

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on March 24, 2024

Issues: Town Honors Outstanding Citizen; Mountaintop Supervisors' Agenda; Easter Egg Hunt

Program: Supervisor Hoyt details the upcoming meeting of area town supervisors, Margaret Mulford was honored with an encore airing of a "Rip's Ramblings" profile of Margaret from 2016. Hoyt also encourages families to come out to CD Lane Park for the big Easter Egg Hunt

Duration: 22 minutes from 3:20pm on March 27, 2024

Issues: The impending Income Tax deadline. Exhausted teens not getting adequate sleep. Health: Dealing with a cancer diagnosis and its treatment.

Program: Dan Pilla discussed taxes and tax strategies. Nancy Bosnonian was interviewed regarding teenager sleep problems. Michelle Rapkin discussed her book "Cancer Sucks."

Duration: 27 minutes beginning at 06:30 on March 31, 2024