

**Quarterly Report Of Significant Issues Facing Service Area  
And Typical Programs Broadcast To Address Those Issues  
Period: January 1 through March 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:** Sexual Harassment. Equity. Health: Physical Education..

**Program:** Megan McBride discussed alleged sexual harassment at the DOD. Hillary Abell talked about Project Equity. Dr. Dan O'Neil on why physical education in schools is so important.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on January 2, 2022

**Issues:** Greene County Historian Discusses Significance of Vedder Library and Bronck House

**Program:** 29 year old County Historian discussed his own history and colleagues on the occasion of his reappointment by the County Legislature. The significance of the Vedder Research Library and Bronck House was mentioned.

**Duration:** 25 minutes from 3:30 pm on January 5, 2022

**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 and Health Services, with weekly updates on COVID-19 Vaccines, latest developments in medicine and specifically how it relates to our region.

**Duration :** 15 minutes Wednesdays from 8:05 to 8:20 am on the following dates: 1/5, 1/12, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/16, 3/23, and 3/30.

**Issues:** Personal financial health. Internet scams. Education.

**Program:** Khalid Parekh gave financial tips for 2022. Elaine Park discussed frowning problems with clickbait. Sarah Janssen talked about the World Almanac Book of Facts.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on January 9, 2022

**Issues:** Windham Comprehensive Plan Update. Jewett Resident Announces Audio Newsletter.

**Program:** Windham Supervisor Tom Hoyt described the latest on the final town meetings to certify the Comprehensive Plan for the town. Eledie Bell of Jewett discussed her new weekly community email, the “Jewett Jingle.”

**Duration:** 20 minutes from 3:30 pm on January 12, 2022

**Issues:** Health: Monitoring blood pressure. Inflation concerns. Supply chain issues.

**Program:** Naturi Naughton discussed the need for better blood pressure monitoring. Steven Semple weighed in on inflation. Rob Garrison described what is going on with the supply chain.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on January 16, 2022

**Issue:** Long time local newspaper columnist agrees to a rare interview.

**Program:** Dick Brooks, author of the whimsical “Whittling Away” for the Windham Weekly and 30 other newspapers, gave a rare glimpse into his many years behind the typewriter and how his ramblings have grown to be so popular with readers.

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

**Issues:** The rapid spread of Covid. Risks of DNA testing. Being able to care for a pet.

**Program:** Dr. Peter Hotez discussed a new vaccine to fight Covid. Julia Brewer discussed the pros and cons of personal DNA testing. Andrea Arden revealed the true costs of pets.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on January 23, 2022

**Issues:** Jobs: pay scales, and labor laws. Having governments work effectively with companies and other organizations. How to be effective in achieve influence and making voices heard.

**Program:** Natasha Iskander weighed in on unfair labor laws. Rhett Buttle discussed the need for public-private affiliations. Raghu Krishnaiah was interviewed about social capital.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on January 30, 2022

**Issue:** Mountaintop Newspaper the Mountain Eagle Celebrates 40 Years

**Program:** Mike Ryan spoke with Mike Lucey, one of the original editors of the Mountain Eagle newspaper, which had its origins in Hunter. They discuss the paper's original owner Don Conover and the paper's first Sports Editor, Guy Patrick Garraghan.

**Duration:** 18 minutes from 3:30 pm on February 2, 2022

**Issues:** Opportunities and fair treatment of Hispanics. Exploitation of area immigrants, and human trafficking. The squeezing out of the region's Middle Class.

**Program:** Jan Edwards weighed in on the growing problem of human trafficking in the country. Mario Lopez talked about retirement and the work of the Hispanic Leadership Fund. James Steele offered thoughts on the declining middle class.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on February 6, 2022

**Issues:** Catskill Watershed News. Windham Comprehensive Plan.

**Program:** Windham Town Supervisor Thomas Hoyt recaps the recent meeting of the Coalition of Watershed Towns and new initiatives of the DEC slated for Summer 2022. Hoyt also detailed the latest Comprehensive Plan meeting and offered the public a final look at the document through the town's website.

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

**Issues:** Environment/Animal Welfare/Education

**Program:** Dave Loberde of the non-profit Friends of the Feathered and Furry Wildlife Center in Hunter discussed the ongoing animal rehabilitation at the center, and that the center would continue the work of its founder, the late Missy Runyan. With that, he promoted the fundraising annual bake sale coming up the following weekend.

**Duration:** 15 minutes beginning at 8:05 am on February 10, 2022.

**Issues:** Health: the food supply. Childrens' Health: dental health. Getting away from feeling cooped up by the COVID pandemic.

**Program:** Richard Williams detailed ways to make our food supply safer. Dr. Jeanne Beauchamp talked about the importance of childhood dentistry. Michael Scheinman was interviewed about how to find the right vacation camping spots.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on February 13, 2022

**Issues:** Youth Activities

**Program:** Bob Monteleone of the Stony Creek Rod and Gun Club provided details of the Kid's Fishing Derby held annually at Rip Van Winkle Lake in Tannersville. Who is eligible, the date, hours, and what's provided. He also discussed safety precautions, condition of the ice and how often its checked.

**Duration:** 15 minutes beginning at 8:05 am on February 18, 2022

**Issues:** Cost of ending a failing marriage. Bullying – of adults. Self-employment and inventing during COVID.

**Program:** Joryn Jenkins talked about how to get a quick divorce. Elaine Park detailed how to deal with adult bullies. Adrienne Alitowski described getting an idea concept to patent.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on February 20, 2022

**Issues:** Education: the viability and cost of college and higher education.  
Health: the ongoing COVID pandemic, and heart health, particularly as it pertains to women.

**Program:** Bob Atkins discussed the future of higher education. Schroeder Stribling commented on ongoing stress about COVID. Two health professionals on heart health for women.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on February 27, 2022

**Issue:** New Local Online Paper Debuts

**Program:** Mike Ryan interviewed Andrea Macko and Sylvia Hasenkopf of Porcupine Soup, an online newspaper super-serving Cairo, Durham and Greenville

**Duration:** 24 minutes from 3:30pm on March 2, 2022

**Issue:** Support for Ukrainians

**Program:** Orest Temnitsky, local resident of Ukrainian descent with relatives in The Ukraine discussed the war between the Ukraine and Russia, how it is affecting the local community, and the situation on the ground in the Ukraine as related by his family there. He also talked about the solidarity gathering, open to all at St. John Ukrainian Catholic Church in Jewett on the weekend.

**Duration:** 20 minutes from 8:05 am on March 4, 2022

**Issues:** Climate Change. Health: Questions about CBD products. Economic future of restaurants, particularly given the impact of the COVID pandemic.

**Program:** Frank Dalene discussed market-based solutions for climate change. Sally Greenburg detailed some of the false claims about CBD products. Karen Grill was interviewed about the future of restaurants.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on March 6, 2022

**Issue:** Maplecrest Residents Object to New Greene County Soil & Water Facility

**Program:** Tom Hoyt discussed a recent contentious town board meeting with residents who live deep in Big Hollow, a.k.a. Maplecrest. At issue are plans by Greene County Soil and Water to construct a new facility adjacent to their current one. Neighbors oppose the building's size and location and say it threatens the quality of life in that part of the community.

**Duration:** 20 minutes from 3:30 pm on March 9, 2022

**Issues:** Racism., and its effects implicated in the quality of healthcare The war in Ukraine and threat to our area of Putin's of "nuclear option." Effects of excessive time spent in front of computers and on social media.

**Program:** Dayna Bowen Matthews discussed racism in healthcare. Allen Hester talked about the need for fewer nuclear weapons plus Natalie Zfat on creative burnout on social media.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on March 13

**Issue:** The Challenge of Greenville Town Historian

**Program:** Don Teator recounted his many years in Greenville as Town Historian, how he and his wife amassed a collection of photographs from residents over many years for the historical archives, as well as from his wife, who worked as an aerial photographer affiliated with the Freehold Airport. Many of the negatives of the aerial photos are in safe keeping at the Vedder Library in Coxsackie.

**Duration:** 24 minutes from 3:30pm on March 16, 2022

**Issues:** Gun violence and gun control. Health: heart issues. Energy efficiency and rising costs.

**Program:** Laura Cutilletta talked about gun control. Sue Peschin detailed symptoms of heart valve disease. Sean Lupton-Smith spoke about the rising popularity of E-bikes.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on March 20, 2022

**Issues:** Health: Hearing loss, and how to deal with and mitigate it. Integrity of the public water supply. The Economy: Scams that offer deceptive loans to small businesses.

**Program:** Hearing health was discussed with two professional audiologists. Serena McClain discussed her perspective on the damming of waterways. Elijah McCoy provided examples of business loan scams and how to recognize them.

**Duration:** 27 minutes beginning at 6:30am on March 27, 2022

**Issues:** Windham Consolidates Fuel Purchases. New Church In Prattsville

**Program:** Mike Ryan reported on Windham town efforts to save on fuel costs and devise a new centralized system for fuel purchases by Fire and Rescue, Town Highway and Police Vehicles. Mike also spoke about plans for the construction of a new church on the plot of land previously sought after by Dollar General, who recently abandoned their plans.

**Duration:** 15 minutes from 3:30pm on March 30, 2022