

For the period of July 31-September 30, 2018, the following issues have been identified within our listening audience to be of concern to our community by WSRM-FM. Our locally-produced news and talk shows include interviews with community leaders, as well as volunteers and educators. We also air public-service announcements provided by the Georgia Association of Broadcasters, and the nationally syndicated program "Viewpoints." WSRM-FM has local newscasts every hour, 6am-10am, Monday-Friday, including any breaking news.

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Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Source
Local Interest	Around and About	7/1/18	5:30am	23:50	Local
	Raised in Lindale, GA , Mike Ragland is a much beloved speaker, author, historian and columnist in Northwest Georgia. He is a retired Major from the Rome City Police Department and spoke on a couple of upcoming books he has written.				
Public Safety	Around and About	7/8/18	5:30am	23:50	Local
	Major Rodney Bailey with the Rome Police discussed the new Hands Free Law that took affect on July 1st. Multiple motorists in Rome have been stopped and police are seeing a slight change in deriving habits for residents and visitors to the area. Each time a motorist is stopped, the fines get larger and the points increase to try and teach the public that cell phone usage while driving is very dangerous and can lead to serious injury or death.				
Local Interest	Around and About	7/15/18	5:30am	23:50	Local
	Lisa Smith, the Director of the Convention and Visitor's bureau of Rome, and John Shultz discussed the Clocktower, a Rome landmark, and the scheduled repairs needed to ensure it's safety to those who enjoy the favorite spot by locals and tourists. Brick repair and other needed fixes have been scheduled for the upkeep of the attraction.				
Public Safety	Around and About	7/22/18	5:30am	23:50	Local
	Floyd County Sheriff Tim Burkhalter discussed how the Floyd County Sheriff's Office is sponsoring a Pastoral Safety and Security Training to help protect and better understand how to protect against attacks. With multiple church shootings taking place in the country, local agencies felt it necessary to train Pastors to pass word along to a security team.				
Public Safety	Around and About	7/29/18	5:30am	23:50	Local
	Chris DeHart and Scott Kasmarr, both with the Rome Police Department discussed how the grace period for the new Hands Free Law is over and they will be ticketing motorist who are observed using their cell phones out of guild lines while driving. Each time a motorist is stopped, the fines get larger and the points increase to try and teach the public that cell phone usage while driving is very dangerous and can lead to serious injury or death.				
Public Service	Around and About	8/5/18	5:30am	23:50	Local
	Tina Bartleson discussed ServeRome and The Family Resource Center that has found a home in the same building as Rome First United Methodist Church. This move is geared towards creating an maintaining enhanced qualities of families around the Rome and Floyd County area. Tina Bartleson, the executive director of the Family Resource Center has announced the grand opening of the center as September 10.				

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Drug Abuse Prevention	Around and About	8/12/18	5:30am	23:50	Local
	Dan Falcitelli with Floyd Against Drugs is conducting Crush the Crisis; which is a drug take back event to prevent prescriptions getting into hands other than who the prescriptions are prescribed to. The Floyd County Sheriffs Office, Floyd Against Drugs community and Redmond Regional Hospital all took part in creating the event to ultimately help the community. The event was held at Redmond Regional Hospital on September 8th.				
Mental Health	Around and About	8/19/18	5:30am	23:50	Local
	Jim and Bonnie Moore with the National Alliance on Mental Illness discussed different classes that the organization offers to help people with a mental illness cope with or support groups for families. There was also discussion for Floyd County to adopt a resolution that enables people to receive any kind of care they could need. Floyd County would be the 9th in the state to adopt that resolution.				
Public Service	Around and About	8/26/18	5:30am	23:50	Local
	Capt. Jason Smith from the Salvation Army on the opening of the west Rome store today. The Salvation Army has moved from their E. 1st St Address to now located at 2511 Redmond Circle in the Gala Plaza, adjacent to the Sam's Club and Wal-Mart shopping center. This is hopeful to reach more of the community. https://salvationarmygeorgia.org/rome/				
Environment	Around and About	9/2/18	5:30am	23:50	Local
	Ben Winkleman, Director, of the E.C.O. Center in Rome discussed environmental habits and how going green can be done with just a few lifestyle changes. Different movements such as the no waste lifestyle along with composting and reusing different materials and objects to combat the carbon footprint. Winkleman also discussed the educational side of exploring Rome with the different types of ecosystems and wildlife.				
Youth	Around and About	9/9/18	5:30am	23:50	Local
	Restoration Rome and the Restoration Rome Center for Foster Care Services are local ministry initiatives of Global Impact International, Inc. Bringing this ministry throughout Rome brings hope that the foster care cycle will be broken and the children that are brought into the system will be able to be educated to make good decisions with their life as they grow into adults.				

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Mental Health	Around and About	9/16/18	5:30am	23:50	Local
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Public Health, Vaccines	Around and About	9/23/18	5:30am	23:50	Local
	<p>Dr. Leonard Reeves, a local Doctor, discussed the importance of Vaccines and all they do for the health of the general public. One topic that was discussed was herd immunity where the ones who cannot receive vaccinations are covered because the rest of the public has had their vaccines. If no one has the disease the unprotected ones do not have to worry as much.</p>				
Environment	Around and About	9/30/18	5:30am	23:50	Local
	<p>Keith Mickler, County Agent, discussed the changing of seasons and how to prepare plant beds for the new season. With different plants come different instructions on how to care for them, but looking at what needs to be done will ensure healthy gardening. Also discussed was how to keep plant beds in shape until the next spring.</p>				

Issues	Date	3rd Quarter 2018 News Stories
Local Government	07/02/18	There is no change to the current millage rate for Rome, Ga. The proposed combined rates for the City Government and City Schools of 27.536 will result in no increase of millage rates from the prior year but will be 1.08% (.295 mils) over the calculated rollback rate of 27.241 for the City of Rome.
Public Safety	07/16/18	Floyd Medical Center will take part in an emergency response drill conducted by Floyd Emergency Management Agency. Commuters that pass by should be aware that this is only a drill and not be alarmed by the presence of first responders and emergency personnel. Kenna Baker, Safety Officer and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at Floyd Medical Center was a guest of Hometown Headlines Radio Edition.
Jobs	07/26/18	Gov. Nathan Deal today announced that Complete Flooring Supply Corporation (CFS), a flooring supplier for retailers in the U.S. and Canada, will create 100 jobs and invest \$30 million in Gordon County, Ga. CFS' manufacturing operations are headquartered in Shanghai, China. The company currently operates distribution centers in Georgia and California.
Public Safety/ Local Government	8/14/2018	The Rome City Commission approves a teen curfew, with one change to the proposed ordinance. The change states the curfew will be in effect from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. instead of 10 p.m. It applies to anyone under the age of 17. There are exceptions, such as if the juvenile is with a parent or guardian, and coming home from work or a church or school activity.
Local Government	9/6/2018	The City of Rome is reviewing Rome's smoke-free ordinance and seeks public input. Due to the recent proposal, the City would like to gain insight into public awareness of the current City of Rome smoking ordinance and garner public interest in a more restrictive smoking ordinance.

Issues**3rd Quarter 2018 Public Service Announcements**

Public Safety	As July 4th approached, professional tips on how to handle fireworks properly were discussed, and leaving the actual lighting of the pyrotechnics to the professionals. The dangers of Sparklers were also mentioned as well as taking the necessary precautions by having a plan for action should something go wrong.
Blood Drive	Heroes Unified is an initiative by Blood Assurance Rome to allow first responders, and the community to donate life saving blood to go back into the community. The event scheduled for September 15 raised over 100 units of blood. Blood Assurance continued to add that 1 unit of Blood could save 3 lives.
Public Safety	The Floyd County Sheriff's office has created the first Church Safety and Security Summit set for August 25 at The Forum in downtown Rome. This event is open to the pastors of the area to gain insight to the safety of the church. Active shooter situations as well as child safety and, and domestic violence topics were discussed.
Health	Lyme disease is known for being contracted through Ticks. Dr. Thomas Mather with the University of Rhode Island specialized in all things ticks and how to protect against Lyme Disease in all seasons, especially fall.
Health	A free health fair for the community is available on the first Saturday of every month at the Community Kitchen located at 4 Calhoun Hwy. This is an initiative to serve the homeless and underserved to be tested for various diseases and viruses. This also gives free vision and health screenings to those who need it.
Public Service	The Knights of Columbus have hosted their annual Labor Day BBQ sale to benefit neighborhoods in the area. For the past 50 years, over \$250,000.00 have been distributed back to the community to where it's needed most. The Rome Civic Center holds the annual Labor Day tradition.
Public Service, Hunger	United Way of Rome and Floyd County invited the public to volunteer to pack 25,000 meals for Floyd Fights Hunger. Meals of Hope were also in this event. The mission for Meals of Hope and this afternoon is "Communities coming together to end hunger."
Recycling	Appointments are being made to collect household hazardous waste and old electronics that are not being used anymore. The collection is for the liquids that would not be consumed such as paint, oil, pesticides and more. An on site chemist will test the materials and remove as many as possible.
Blood Drive	Blood is being sent to victims of Hurricane Florence thanks to Blood Assurance. The Rome location is advocating for donors with O Negative and positive types as well as A-Negative and B-Negative types to come in and donate to help in that regard.

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- Jobs/ Education Georgia Northwestern Technical College is hosting an Industrial Career Fair on it's Floyd County campus. Experts from multiple fields will be present to answer any questions anyone may have. They will also be able to meet local employers and former students.
- Cancer September is Prostate Awareness month and local doctors are urging the public to commit to regular screening. Prostate Cancer has been listed as the second leading cause of cancer death in American men.