

WVMR, WVMR-FM, WNMP, WDMT Most Significant Issues 3rd Quarter – July Through September 2015

We aired national news broadcasts from NPR News at the top of each hour during our Morning Drive (6-10 a.m.) and Evening Drive (3-6 p.m.) as well as at the beginning and end of our Noon Hour Magazine (12 and 1 p.m.). At the bottom of each hour during the Morning and Evening Drive-times, we alternated airing state news reports from the Virginia News Network (VNN) and WV Metro News. VNN news also aired at 12:30, during Noon Hour Magazine, and WV Metro News aired at 12:55. These programs run Monday through Friday. We also carried NPR National News at Noon on Saturday and Sunday. Our local news stories aired after NPR News at the beginning of Noon Hour Magazine. They would then repeat at the top and bottom of each hour during the Evening Drive and the following day's Morning Drive. Here is a summary of the most significant issues covered in our local news this quarter.

County Government

We aired reports from each meeting of the Pocahontas County Commission and reported the agenda for each meeting the day before. County Commission reports this quarter aired on 7/9, 7/23, 8/21, 9/3, and 9/18.

On 9/25 we aired a story about the September meeting of the Pocahontas Local Emergency Planning Committee. AMR is a critical part of the information distributed in times of emergency.

Court /Crime/Breaking News

.On 8/6, we aired a story about the indictments handed down by the Pocahontas County Grand Jury following their August session.

Election Stories

News Briefs

On 7/10, we aired a news brief about an upcoming planned power outage affecting customers in our listening area.

Education

We aired reports from Board of Education meetings this quarter and on 7/1, 7/17, 7/30, 8/13, 8/19, 8/25, 9/8, 9/9, 9/17, 9/24, and 9/30.

On 7/7, we aired a profile of Interim Pocahontas County School Superintendent Terrance Beam.

On 7/14, we aired stories about the National Youth Science Camp, held in Pocahontas each year. This first story was focused on the difficulty some students had in obtaining a Visa to attend the camp. More stories related to the camp experience were aired on 7/16 and 7/22.

On 7/30, we aired a story about the Linwood library Book-It hill climb, a fundraising event for the library.

On 8/4, we aired a story about Pocahontas County schools interim Superintendent Terrence Beam.

During this quarter we began air a feature called The Spanish Corner. It's part of a education feature that we air on Friday's during Noon Hour Magazine. The Spanish Corner is written and recorded by the Pocahontas County high school Spanish students and airs every other week during the school year. This quarter, this feature aired on 8/28, 9/11, and 9/25.

On 9/15 we aired a story about the One Room University in Marlinton and the college level programs being offered with the assistance of New River Community and Technical College.

Agriculture and Environment

Each day, during Noon Hour Magazine, we aired a regionally-produced three-minute news magazine feature about topics related to agriculture. Agriculture is a major industry in our listening area, and being produced in the Shenandoah Valley, On the Farm Radio, is relevant to our listeners.

We also aired a weekly feature called Town and Country Topics, in which a representative from the Virginia Cooperative Extension shared news about agriculture-related topics in the listening area. During this quarter, these reports aired on 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25, 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, and 9/29.

We air a monthly feature by volunteer reporter Jason Bauserman, our "Bartow Weatherman". He has been collecting weather information for many years, and his reports are a review of the weather conditions for the previous month. This quarter his reports ran on 8/7.

We began airing a series of stories about a proposed natural gas pipeline that would travel through parts of Pocahontas and Highland Counties, on a path that would take the pipeline from the shale fields of northern West Virginia through Virginia with the terminus of the pipeline in western North Carolina. Dominion Resources and Duke Energy, in partnership with two other companies are in the process of studying the feasibility of the pipeline. During this quarter, these stories covering events in both Pocahontas and Highland Counties ran on 9/21.

On 8/10 we aired a story about an upcoming stream workshop where residents could learn how to protect the streams on their properties.

On 8/20 we aired a story about a program to distribute rabies vaccination packets by air and foot in parts of West Virginia in hopes of curbing rabies in the wild raccoon population.

Community

On 7/13, we aired a story about the upcoming 2nd Broadband summit to be held at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank.

We aired a two part story about issues discussed at the NRAO broadband summit on 7/21 and 7/24.

On 9/1 we aired a story about Camp Oak Marr, a former private residence in the Hillsboro area that has been converted into a camp for children with special needs.

On 9/10 we aired a story about the Family Resource center in Marlinton, and the services they provide to low income residents of Pocahontas.

People

We air periodic profiles of volunteers involved in some facet of the operations of each of the three studios that make up part of the Allegheny Mountain Radio network. During this quarter, those stories aired on 7/3 (Doug Smith), and 9/4 (Steve Timberlake).

On 7/2, we aired a profile of Mike O'Brien, the new Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for Pocahontas County.

Virginia Public Radio

We have entered into an agreement with Virginia Public Radio to be able to rebroadcast stories produced by reporters who work for VPR. This gives AMR an additional source of well-produced state news. This quarter, these stories aired on 7/9, 7/10, 7/17, 7/31, 8/7, 8/13, 8/14, 8/18, 8/28, 9/10, and 9/17.

West Virginia Public Radio

We occasionally air stories produced by West Virginia Public Radio. Like the stories from VPR, these stories give AMR an additional source of well-produced state news. This quarter, these stories aired on

Jobs and Development

On 7/22, we aired a story about the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank joining the Breakthrough Listen program, an updated SETI program. The initiative will bring a much needed influx of funding to the Green Bank site.

On 7/29 we aired a story with Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director Cara Rose on upcoming events in the county.

Arts and Culture

During this quarter we aired a Noon Hour Magazine feature on the Monday program called *Reel Discovery*, a movie review feature. This quarter the program aired on 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, and 9/28.

On 8/27, we aired a story about upcoming events at the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace in Hillsboro, the historic home of the author.

Public Service Announcements

Below is a list of Public Service Announcements aired this quarter:

Education and Children

Hillsboro Library Autumn Social 30 sec	8/3 thru 8/28
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Health and Human Resources

Denmar Correctional Center Job Fair	7/29 thru 8/13
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Benefits and Fundraisers

Art, Culture, and Recreation

Pioneer Days – Wed Events	7/1/15 thru 7/8
Pioneer Days – Fri Events	7/1/15 thru 7/9
Pioneer Days - Sat Events	7/1/15 thru 7/10
Pioneer Days – General	7/1/15 thru 7/11
Durbin Days – General	7/13 thru 7/18
Durbin Days – Events	7/13 thru 7/18
Roadkill Festival – Recruiting Cooks	8/28 thru 9/13
Hudson Cream Biscuit Bakeoff	9/16 thru 9/26