

**WVMR, WVMR-FM, WNMP, WDMT Most Significant Issues
4th Quarter – October through December 2016**

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 10/5, 10/26, 11/16, 11/17, 12/7, and 12/26.

Court /Crime/Breaking News

On 12/26, we aired a story about the WV Attorney General suing several pharmacies in southern West Virginia for filling a much higher than normal amount of narcotic prescriptions.

Election Stories

On 10/14 and 10/19, we aired stories about community meetings held throughout the county to discuss the upcoming school levy on the November ballot.

On 11/3, we aired a story about the "Brunch Bill" that will be on the November ballot in Pocahontas County. The bill, if passed, would allow county businesses that have a liquor license to sell alcohol before 1pm on a Sunday.

On 11/7, we aired a story about the local candidates and proposals on the November 8th ballot in Pocahontas County.

On 11/7, we aired a story about the final public meeting concerning the proposed school levy proposal on the November ballot.

On 11/9, we aired a compilation story on results of the November 8th election for all three counties in the AMR network.

News Briefs

On 11/23, we aired a news brief about a wildfire in the Monongahela National Forest, with multiple updates as firefighters sought to bring the wildfire under control.

Education

We aired reports from Board of Education meetings this quarter and aired agendas for each meeting the day of the meeting. Board of Education reports this quarter aired on 10/12, 10/27, 11/21, 12/2, 12/21, 12/27, and 12/28.

On 10/4, we aired a story about changes to the FASFA (Free Application for Financial Student Aid) application and how parents and teachers can best use the financial aid.

On 12/1 and 12/2, we aired a 2 part story about the Pocahontas County schools Math Field Day.

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 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, and 12/27.

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 10/4 and 12/20.

We have been 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. A change in the pipeline route during this quarter now also includes parts of Bath County. During this quarter, these stories covering events in both Pocahontas and Highland Counties ran on 12/27, 12/29 and 12/30.

On 11/1, we aired a story about local weather observer Jason Bauserman who has received an award from the National Weather Service in recognition of his 25 years of recordings observations for the NWS for Bartow, WV.

Community

ON 10/7, we aired a story about Camp Price, located near the Droop Mountain Battlefield state park. Retired Park Superintendent Mike Smith shared some of the history of the camp.

On 11/11, we aired a story about an effort to establish a Healing Waters chapter in the Allegheny Highlands of Virginia and West Virginia. The group uses the sport of fly fishing to help disabled Veterans heal through physical and emotional rehabilitation.

On 12/8, we aired a story about the Buckskin Scout camp in Pocahontas County being closed due to cost cutting and lack of use of the camp. It is one of a few camps being closed in WV. The camp, also known as Dilly's Mill, will still offer "primitive" camping for Scout troops.

On 12/9, we aired a story about the WV Attorney General offering tips for safe and secure online shopping during the holiday season.

People

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 10/21, 10/25, 10/27, 10/28, 11/4, 11/29, 12/9, 12/13, 12/21, and 12/30.

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 10/12, we aired a story about the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank officially changing its name to the Green Bank Observatory. The name change has been done in an effort to brand the northern Pocahontas County facility as a separate entity from the rest of the NRAO facilities in the US, so that they can seek more funding outside of the federal government.

On 10/20, we aired a story about the official inauguration of the Green Bank Observatory.

On 10/21, we aired a story about the National Science Foundation requesting that a Environmental Impact Statement be created for the Green Bank Observatory in northern Pocahontas county.

On 12/14, we aired a story about a new business in Pocahontas called the Cackling Hens Consignment Store.

Arts and Culture

During this quarter we began airing a new feature during Noon Hour Magazine on the Monday program, *Reel Discovery*, a movie review feature. This quarter the program aired on 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, and 12/26.

On 11/2, we aired a story about jazz pianist Paul Asaro making a return engagement at the Pocahontas Opera House venue.

On 11/17, we aired an interview with Ben Sollee, an artist performing at the Pocahontas Opera House.

On 11/22, we aired a story about the Mountain Music Trail in Pocahontas County.

On 12/15, we aired a story about winter activities being highlighted by the Pocahontas County Conventions and Visitors Bureau. Winter tourism is a huge economic drive for the county.

Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

Health and Human Resources

Benefits and Fundraisers

Art, Culture, and Recreation

Donna Ulisse Concert	10/17 thru 10/23
Marlinton Christmas Parade	11/22 thru 12/2