

**WVMR, WVMR-FM, WNMP, WDMT Most Significant Issues
2nd Quarter – April through June 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 4/6, 5/13, and 6/9.

Court /Crime/Breaking News

Election Stories

On 5/11, we aired a story featuring the local and state results from the West Virginia primary held on May 10th, 2016.

News Briefs

On 6/21, we began airing a news brief about an upcoming power outage for Mon Power customers in northern Pocahontas county.

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 4/1, 4/13, 4/14, 4/27, 5/20, 5/23, and 6/8.

During this quarter we aired an educational feature produced by students in the Spanish classes at Pocahontas County high school called La Esquina de Espanol or The Spanish Corner. The students use the feature to demonstrate conversational Spanish, vocabulary and information about locations and culture in Spanish speaking countries around the world. The feature is part of a segment called "Education Friday" and during this quarter this feature aired on 4/8, 4/22, and 5/13.

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On 5/4, we aired an interview with the treasurer for Pocahontas County schools and the importance of supporting a school levy in the May primary.

On 5/18, we aired a story about Marlinton Middle school students learning about the importance of and how to monitor the health of streams near the school.

On 6/15 and 6/16 we aired a two part interview with Terrence Beam, Superintendent of Pocahontas County schools about the physical state of the schools and school education programs.

On 6/23, 6/24 and 6/27, we aired a three part interview with Meg Gruber, President of the Virginia Education Association about changes to national and state education practices.

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 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31, 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, and 6/28.

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 4/26.

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. 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 4/15 (National Forest Surveys), 4/18 (ACP Updated filing), 4/19 (Williamsville FD Chief), (Bath reactions to new route), 5/6 (FERC Scoping meetings in Bath and Poc for new route), 5/19 (Scoping meeting preparation), 5/24 and 5/25 (Kevin Bowman, Pres Wild Virginia), 6/1 (Ernie Reed-anti pipeline), and 6/2 (Aaron Ruby-Dom rep).

On 5/12, we aired a story about an Americorps volunteer who is working on establishing a pollinator garden in a section of the Monongahela National Forest in the Marlinton district of the MNF.

On 6/28, we aired a interview with Bill Paxton, a spokesman for the Monongahela Incident Response Team that was assessing damages in the Monongahela National Forest in the wake of the devastating flooding on June 23rd and 24th, 2016 that impacted much of central and southern West Virginia.

On 6/28, we aired a story about the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs offering rooms to those in the town that were left homeless by the flooding of June 23rd and 24th. The town was one of those hardest hit by the flooding.

Community

On 4/12, we aired a story about April being Child Abuse Prevention Month.

On 5/12, we aired a story about help with insurance from the WV Navicare Insurance Enrollment Assistors.

People

On 4/19 and 4/20 we aired a two part interview with Pocahontas County School Superintendent Terrance Beam discussing repairs and upgrades needed at the five county schools.

On 6/13, we aired a story about a local WVU student who was selected as the 2016-17 WVU Mountaineer team mascot.

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 4/1, 4/8, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/4, 5/19, 5/30, 5/31, 6/7, and 6/15.

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 4/7, we aired a story about a new business in Hillsboro in southern Pocahontas County, Melissa’s Knit & Hobby Shop.

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 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, and 6/27.

On 4/28, we aired a story about a production of Alice in Wonderland at the Pocahontas Opera House.

On 5/9, we aired a story about a series of short plays to be presented at the Pocahontas Opera House.

On 6/14, we aired a story about an exhibit on display at the McClintic library in Marlinton documenting the life of those who lived in the Homestead School community in Randolph County. The school was part of the New Deal program Subsistence Homestead Division in the 1930’s. Of the 99 such schools spread out across the US, the Homestead school was the one still in service in 2016.

Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

Health and Human Resources

Northern WV Ctr for Independent Living	4/5 thru 5/5
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Benefits and Fundraisers

Bluegrass Sunday Live (AMR fundraiser)	4/11 thru 4/17
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Art, Culture, and Recreation

Pocahontas Opera House Playfest	5/10 thru 5/21
Little Levels Heritage Fair – General	6/9 thru 6/26