WVMR,WVMR-FM, WNMP, WDMT Most Significant Issues 2nd Quarter – April Through June 2014

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 4-2, 5-7, 5-9 (Snowshoe RAD), and 6-23 (Droop cell tower).

Court /Crime

On 4-2, we aired a report about indictments handed down by the April session of the Pocahontas County grand jury.

Election Stories

On 5-5 we aired an excerpt from a meet the candidates forum featuring the candidates for the northern district county commission seat.

On 5-6 we aired an excerpt from a meet the candidates forum featuring the candidates for the southern district county commission seat.

On 5-14 we aired the results of the primary election for both local contests in Pocahontas and state contested races in West Virginia.

News Briefs

On 4-24 through 4-26 we aired a news brief about a scheduled prescribed burn in the Monongahela national forest.

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 4-9, 4-10, 4-23, 5-8, 6-5, and 6-18.

During this quarter, we aired periodic stories written and recorded by Mort Tabor's 8th grade language arts class at Green Bank middle school. It's part of a project to engage younger students in learning the art of radio production. These stories aired on 4-3, 4-24, and 5-1.

On 4-24 we aired a story about a Pocahontas county forestry class project that is cutting down and removing trees from around the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank. The trees are no longer providing the interference protection they were designed for and the forestry class is using the project to teach the students about lumber harvesting and selling the resultant product.

On 5-5 we aired a story about the annual Future Farmers of America banquet held at the high school.

On 6-6 we aired a story about a clothing giveaway at the Green Bank elementarymiddle school. Kids had begun collecting gently used clothing and quickly found they had more than they knew what to do with, so decided to hold a giveaway to make it available to whomever wanted it.

On 6-26 and 6-27 we aired interviews with the presidents of the Virginia and West Virginia National Education Association, including their viewpoints on the education process in their respective states ahead of the national convention of the NEA.

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 4-1, 4-8, 4-15,4-22, 4-29, 5-6, 5-13, 5-20, 5-27, 6-3, 6-10, 6-17, and 6-24.

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 4-11, 5-15, and 6-10.

On 4-22 we aired a story about the black fly suppression program and why aerial spraying is used to biologically suppress the black fly population.

On 5-21 we aired an update on the activities of the Pocahontas County Water Resources Task Force, who have been working on a water plan for the county for several years. On 6-9 we aired a follow up story on the WRTF's June events, including several open meeting dates for the public to ask questions about the water plan for the county.

On 6-18 we aired a story about the upcoming controlled hunt on NRAO owned property in Green Bank. The lottery style hunt is open to licensed West Virginia hunters and applications must be submitted by August 1st for the October hunt.

On 6-20 we aired a story about the annual CCC reunion held at Watoga state park. The CCC workers were largely responsible for constructing the park.

Community

We air periodic reports from meeting of the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. During this quarter, these reports aired on

On 4-8, we aired a story about Silver Sneakers, a program designed to encourage physical movement for senior citizens in the county.

On 4-14, we aired a story about cuts in state funding for the senior citizen programs in the county and fundraising events planned to help offset the cuts.

On 4-16, we aired a story about fitness and other classes being offered at the Pocahontas county wellness center.

On 4-30 we aired a story about a search and rescue group recently started in the county.

On 5-1 we aired a story about the annual health fair at Pocahontas Memorial Hospital.

On 5-9 we aired a story about a presentation at the Hillsboro library on organic gardening, highly desirable to many gardeners in the county.

On 5-12 we aired a story about the Greenbrier Trail bike trek, an annual fundraiser for the American Lung Association.

On 5-13 we aired a story about the Pocahontas county youth football auction – proceeds benefit the youth football program in the county.

On 5-15 we aired a story about the upcoming High Rocks summer camps for girls from Nicholas, Pocahontas and Greenbrier counties. The camps combine outdoor activities with a classes in English, Math and Science.

People

On 4-1, we aired a profile of a new Americorps Vista volunteer working for the Pocahontas county wellness center.

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 6-10 (state budget talks), 6-27 (Rail safety – pt 1).

Jobs and Development

On 5-23 we aired a story about an upcoming market training for new and returning farmer's market members. Farmers markets continue to grow and thrive in the AMR listening area.

On 6-4 we aired a story about a Dominion Resources proposed natural gas pipeline that if built will cover a good portion of both Pocahontas and Highland county. The story included an interview with a Dominion Resources representative. The proposal is still in the very early stages.

On 6-4 we aired a story about a new produce stand opening in Hillsboro. The stand is sponsored by High Rocks and the local food coop.

Arts and Culture

We air a periodic feature called the Travelling Rt 219 project in which we hear interviews and stories from those who grew up or live on US Rt 219 that winds its way from Virginia through West Virginia and on to Maryland. During this quarter, these stories aired on 4-4, 4-11, 4-18, 5-2, 5-9, 5-16, 5-23, 5-30, 6-6, 6-20, and 6-27.

On 4-15, we aired a story about the upcoming Great Greenbrier River Race, an event that brings hundreds of triathletes to the town of Marlinton for a road-kayak-bike race.

On 4-21 we aired a story about the 2nd annual wild edibles festival held at the Hillsboro library to teach people about eating wild greens and how to cook with them.

On 5-6 we aired a story about the Mad Gab Geocache Challenge, an event sponsored by the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

On 5-13 we aired a story about a play called Cahoots being performed at the Pocahontas Opera House by a locally based theater troupe.

On 5-19 we aired a story about a concert pianist from Davis & Elkins College playing a concert at the National Radio Astronomy observatory in Green Bank.

On 5-21 we aired a story about the Travelling 219 project receiving a prestigious award recognizing the project for its contribution to the history of the Appalachian region.

On 6-11 we aired a story about the summer programs at Watoga state park, a popular vacation destination in the county.

On 6-25 we aired a story about the upcoming Little Levels Heritage Fair that celebrates the history of the Little Levels area of Pocahontas County which includes the birthplace of author Pearl S. Buck.

Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

Wild Edibles Seminar Green Bank Elem Plant Sale PCHS Radio Club – Underage Drinking AMR PT Announcer/Producer job	4-7 thru 4-19 4-30 thru 5-10 4-30 thru 5-30 6-23 thru 7-10
Health and Human Resources	
WV Veteran Services	4-30 thru 5-15
Benefits and Fundraisers	
Richard – Fundraiser follow up Erin – Fundraiser follow up Sue – Fundraiser follow up Heather – Fundraiser follow up Pocahontas Memorial Hosp Bazaar	5-2 thru 5-19 5-2 thru 5-19 5-2 thru 5-19 5-2 thru 5-19 5-6 thru 5-17
Art, Culture, and Recreation	
Travelling 219 Heritage Tour	4-13 thru 5-3

Pocahontas Libraries Summer Activities 4-30 thru 5-16

Pocahontas Farmers Market Opening	4-30 thru 5-24
Lake Buffalo Fishing Derby	5-7 thru 5-16
Little Levels Heritage Fair – Friday Events	6-23 thru 6-27
Little Levels Heritage Fair – Sat Events	6-23 thru 6-27