

WVMR-FM Most Significant Issues October through December 2022

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 10/5 (future 9-1-1 tower site), 10/25 (Tannery asbestos removal), 11/10 (PMH Water and sewer study), 11/18 (PSC-Frontier public mtg), 12/7 (EMS personnel shortage), 12/28 (H/M tax distribution), and 12/29.

Court /Crime/Breaking News

Election Stories

On 10/28, we aired a story about Amendment 2, one of four amendments on the November general election ballot. As this amendment has caused some confusion for voters, we sought to explain what the amendment would and wouldn't do if approved by the voters.

On 11/9, we aired a story about the local and regional election results for the November general election as it pertain to WV candidates and amendments.

News Briefs

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 10/4 (Drama club approved), 11/1 (summer school camps), 11/11 (strategic plan), 12/1 (approve Narcan in schools), 12/22 (academic scores),

We air occasional interviews with the Pocahontas County Superintendent of Schools, Terrence Beam. It allows Mr. Beam to expand on topics important to the county students and their families. During this quarter, these stories aired on

On 12/20, we aired a story about a “pup” rally at the Green Bank Elementary-Middle School where the students were introduced to Kasha, a 13 month old yellow Labrador who will serve as the schools new therapy dog.

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 air periodic features 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 10/10, 11/9, and 12/6.

During this quarter, we aired segments of a gardening journal called Nature’s Way produced by volunteer Karen Cohen who is a master gardener. These segments aired on 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23 and 12/30.

On 10/20, we aired a story about a meeting of the WV Rivers council about projects and plans for the Monongahela National Forest to get feedback from local residents.

Community

During this quarter we have periodically aired stories about events at the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center and campground and the nearby historic Sites Homestead. These stories aired on

On 10/6, we aired a story about the 2022 Huntersville Traditions Day celebration. This event capped a yearlong celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Pocahontas County.

On 10/28, we aired a story about the ACA open enrollment period and where WV residents could access free advice on which plan to choose for their families.

On 12/9, we aired a story about the Family Resource Network Angel Tree and other needs during this holiday season.

On 12/16, we aired a story about the Pocahontas Green Box sites and the confusion over why they were recently closed for several days. The closure was thought to be due to a lack of funding to pay the workers at the sites. However, the county’s solid waste authority said the closures were due to a lack of commercial drivers to haul the waste away, because both available drivers were out due to illness at the same time.

People

On 10/12, we aired an interview with Mike Honaker, a candidate for the 46th House of Delegates district that now includes part of Pocahontas County after redistricting. His opponent in the race, Paul Detch, was also given the opportunity for an interview, but declined the offer.

On 11/1 and 11/2, we aired a two-part story about a visit by WV Attorney General Patrick Morrissey to Pocahontas to discuss efforts to fight opioid and other drug abuse problems.

Jobs and Development

We air periodic reports from the meetings of the Pocahontas County Broadband Council. The council is made up of a broad cross-section of county residents seeking to improve broadband access in the county for all residents. During this quarter, we aired stories from the council meetings on 10/18 (USDA grant refusal), 11/15 (Citynet agreement), 12/14 (ARC grant),

On 10/19, we aired a story about the Green Bank Observatory Green Bank Telescope (GBT) being used to track the Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) spacecraft as it sought to knock a potentially dangerous asteroid out of its current orbit.

On 10/26, we aired a story about the Mon Forest Towns Partnership winning the WV Governor's Award for Regional Cooperation for cooperation across county lines to strengthen the region's identity as a travel destination. Two Pocahontas County towns, Marlinton and Durbin, are part of this partnership.

On 11/4, we aired a story about a new coffee business that recently opened on the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital campus.

On 11/22, we aired an interview with Cara Rose, Executive Director of the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Bureau about upcoming tourism events.

On 12/15, we aired a story about the Green Bank Telescope being used to detect "burps" of cosmic waves being emitted by a very large black hole.

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 10/26 (election communications), 11/16 (THC and kids), 12/7 (Shockoe Bottom history),

Arts and Culture

During this quarter we aired a movie review feature during Noon Hour Magazine on Monday's called *Reel Discovery*. 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.

During this quarter we aired a feature called *Travelers in the Night*, about asteroids, comets and other interstellar phenomena. This feature aired on 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, and 12/29.

This quarter we aired a short arts calendar to inform listeners about arts and cultural events going on in our listening area. This calendar aired on

On 10/13, we aired a story about a sculpture presentation in New York by local artist Molly Must. Two of Must's murals can be found in downtown Marlinton in Pocahontas County.

On 10/25, we aired an interview with performance artist Ann Magnuson who is appearing at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg, WV.

Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

School Bus – Don't Pass	8/22 – 10/1
School Bus – Safest Vehicle	8/22 – 10/1
School Bus – Bus Stop Passing Violation	8/22 – 10/1
School Bus – Safety Zone	8/22 – 10/1

Health and Human Resources

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Volunteer Drivers 11/8 - ongoing

Benefits and Fundraisers

Art, Culture, and Recreation

Allegheny Mountain Radio App	5/25 – ongoing
Pocahontas Opera House Murder Mystery Theatre	9/20 – 10/17