

WVMR, WVMR-FM, WNMP, WDMT Most Significant Issues 4th Quarter – October through December 2017

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 10/11, 10/12, 10/20, 10/24, 11/15, 11/24, 12/12, and 12/21.

Court /Crime/Breaking News

Election Stories

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 10/5, 10/26, 11/29, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27 and 12/28 (School Superintendent's report – 2 part).

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 10/3, 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.

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 10/13, 11/10, and 12/11.

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 all three counties ran on 10/16 (FERC issues Certificate for Public Convenience and Necessity for both the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and the Mountain Valley Pipeline projects), 11/20 (Forest Svc approval), 11/29 (Aaron Ruby of Dominion talking about construction of the pipeline), 11/30 (Peoples Tribunal Opposes ACP), and 12/13 (Virginia DEQ Water board approves ACP with conditions).

This quarter we began airing periodic reports from Monongahela National Forest Ranger Cynthia Sandeno about various happenings in the “Mon” forest. These reports aired on 12/8.

Community

On 10/27, we aired a story about WV Navicare, a program that assists those who are looking for or renewing their health insurance via the exchange program for the ACA.

On 11/2, we aired a story about the first annual Empty Bowls event to be held in Marlinton to raise awareness about hunger relief programs.

People

Jobs and Development

On 10/23, we aired a story about continuing restoration efforts to repair damage to the Monongahela River from the June 2016 floods.

On 11/03, we aired a story about a meeting concerning the creation of a RAD or Resort Area District, a semi-autonomous area that would be created at Snowshoe Mountain Resort that would still be part of and taxable as part of Pocahontas County.

On 11/7 and 11/8, we aired a 2 part report about the forestry program at the county high school. In addition to class room instruction, students also have an opportunity to learn from local forestry experts.

On 11/14, we aired a story about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement concerning the Green Bank Observatory issued by the National Science Foundation.

On 11/17, we aired an update on tourism programs offered through the Pocahontas County Convention and Visitors Center. Tourism is a major employer for the county.

On 11/24, we aired a story about winter preparations being made by Monongahela Power (First Energy) to ensure a minimum of power outages or other problems before winter weather sets in.

On 12/5, we aired a story about public comments made at a public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding the continued funding of the Green Bank Observatory by the National Science Foundation.

On 12/14, we aired a story about Edward Ajhar, NSF Program Director for the Green Bank Observatory speaking about some of the amazing science that is done at the northern Pocahontas county site.

On 12/26, we aired a story about a new business opening in Marlinton. Alfredo's is a Greek/Italian restaurant that has opened in the building originally built for a Tudor's Biscuit World franchise that was very short lived.

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 10/25, 11/15, and 11/16.

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

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 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, and 12/25.

This quarter we began airing a new feature called Allegheny Arts & Culture Clutch and Gearbox, with its emphasis on local artists and events in the Allegheny highlands of the two Virginias. The Clutch features a calendar of upcoming arts events. The Gearbox focuses on a particular artist or group. During this quarter this feature aired on 11/10, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, and 12/29.

Public Service Announcements

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

Education and Children

West Virginians in the Vietnam War	10/12 thru 10/23
Fire Safety	10/31 thru 12/1

Health and Human Resources

Benefits and Fundraisers

Art, Culture, and Recreation

Marlinton Christmas Parade	11/20 thru 12/1
Pocahontas Opera House Craft show	11/20 thru 12/2