

WFIR-AM 1st Quarter 2013
Roanoke, Virginia

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>TITLE/RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING</u>	
1. General Assembly	The Virginia General Assembly had a lot of work to do in it's short session. Governor McDonnell's transportation initiative survived in modified form. Lawmakers also considered expanding Medicaid, restoring voting rights for convicted felons who've done their time and school and campus safety issues. WFIR provided extensive coverage of these issues.	1/9-3/26 - 186 Minutes
2. Uranium Mining	Pittsylvania County was the focus of attention as the state considered whether to lift it's 30 year moratorium on the mining of uranium. After lots of study, a number of hearings and lots of controversy, the General Assembly decided to kick the can down the road, insuring more study, more hearings and more controversy for the next General Assembly session.	1/4-3/8 - 50 Minutes
3. Supervisors Races	Two long time supervisors are retiring in Roanoke County and the race is on for their seats in the Hollins and Vinton districts.. There is also a hot race for the seat currently held by Ed Elswick in the Windsor Hills District. WFIR is covering these spirited contests as they develop.	2/14-3/14 - 31 Minutes
4. Sequestration	We went off the dreaded "fiscal cliff" of automatic budget cuts known as sequestration, and most of the dire predictions did not come to pass. WFIR covered how this is affecting and not affecting local government agencies and services.	10/1 - 12/31 - 59 Minutes
5. Same Sex Marriage	Virginia clears the way for gay marriages, with Democratic officials clearing the way for a successful court challenge. WFIR covered both sides of the issue, and the first same sex marriages.	1/7-3/22 - 42 Minutes
6. Roanoke Schools	WFIR provides extensive coverage of issues affecting local schools. This quarter local schools were reassessing and changing their security in reaction to the school shootings in Newtown Connecticut. Schools also dealt with snow days and how they affect school schedules, budget woes, and other issues, including a new law that would grade schools on an A-to-F scale.	1/8-3/13 - 51 Minutes

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| 7. Huff Lane School | WFIR covered a contentious issue in a neighborhood near Valley View Mall. Despite a planning commission recommendation and neighborhood protests, the Roanoke City Council decided to sell some old school property to a developer for two hotels and a restaurant. | 2/20 - 8 Minutes |
| 8. Governor's Race | The field was set early in Virginia's Governor's race, with Republican Ken Cuccinelli and Democrat Terry McAuliffe locking up their respective party's nomination. The field was cleared for Cuccinelli when a potential rival, Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling pulled out of the race for the nomination, and then decided not to make a third party run. The race for the other state wide offices, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, have numerous candidates, and we did extensive coverage of developments in all the races. | 1/9-3/13 - 43 Minutes |
| 9. Flu | Flu in Virginia is widespread this seson. WFIR reported on who is getting it and how they're treating it. | 1/3-1/14 - 18 Minutes |