

Quarterly Issues January-March 2012 for AM-1450

1. General Assembly Preview

1/4, 1/5, 1/6 (11 a.m. talk show, news updates at 6:20/7:20/8:20 a.m., 4:20/5:20 pm)
News stories and talk show segments featuring Republican Delegate Ben Cline and Democratic Senator Creigh Deeds. Deeds and Cline discussed major issues facing the 2012 General Assembly session, including the state's two-year budget, transportation concerns, and a move to extend the life of the Rockbridge Regional Landfill by two years.

2. 2012 General Assembly Updates

Mondays/Fridays (11 a.m. talk show segments, news updates at 6:20/7:20/8:20am/4:20/5:20pm)
News stories and talk show updates with Republican Delegate Ben Cline and Democratic Senator Creigh Deeds, who delivered weekly talk show updates on the 2012 session, Deeds on Fridays and Cline on Monday, with news stories throughout the week on bills approved by the 2012 Virginia General Assembly.

3. Rockbridge Area Hospice

1/9-11, 2/13-14 (11 a.m. talk show, news updates at 6:20/7:20/8:20 a.m./4:20/5:20 p.m.)
News stories and talk show updates featuring Michelle Jones and Dick Halseth with Rockbridge Hospice who previewed Hospice's annual meeting January 24. They also reviewed 2011 and discussed new programs, services, and priorities for 2012.

4. Habitat for Humanity

1/12-13, 2/9-10 (11 a.m. talk show segments, news updates at 6:20/7:20/8:20 a.m./4:20/5:20pm)
News stories and talk show updates with Sy Hughes of Habitat. Hughes reviewed Habitat's accomplishments in 2011 and discussed building plans for 2012. He also discussed the two Habitat Re-stores in Lexington and Buena Vista and outlined fundraising plans for 2012.

5. United Way Rockbridge

1/5, 1/26, 2/9 (News updates at 6:20/7:20/8:20am/4:20/5:20 p.m.)
News stories and talk show updates with Phil Thorpe, director of United Way Rockbridge, who gave updates on the 2011-2012 fundraising campaign. Thorpe also highlighted the United Way's annual meeting on February 8 and gave an early preview of the next fund drive covering 2012-13.

6. Spring Fire Season

2/14-16, 3/6-7 (11 a.m. talk show, news updates at 6:20/7:20/8:20 a.m. and 4:20/5:20 p.m.)
News stories and talk show updates featuring Karen Stanley with the Virginia Department of Forestry, who discussed Virginia's 4 p.m. Burn Ban, in effect February 15-April 30. Stanley talked about the number of human-caused fires, the penalties for violating the Burn Ban, and gave tips for safely carrying out control burns during the spring.

7. Fiscal 2013 Budget Work

2/14, 2/17, 2/28, 3/5, 3/19 (11 a.m. talk show, news reports at 6:20/7:20/8:20 a.m./4:20/5:20 p.m.)
News stories and talk show updates focusing on the ongoing work in Lexington, Buena Vista and Rockbridge County with respect to the Fiscal 2013 budget. Members of the Rockbridge County Supervisors, Buena Vista Council and Lexington Council discussed funding priorities, the school budgets and unfunded state mandates. Local government leaders also talked about their timetables for completing budget work.