

Quarterly Issues July-September 2014 for WWZW-FM

1. Medicaid Expansion and State Budget

7/1, 7/3 (news updates at 6-7-8 a.m., 12-5 p.m.)

News stories featuring Delegate Ben Cline discussing the debate in the General Assembly in Richmond on the Medicaid Expansion issue. Cline also discussed the recently adopted biennial budget for Virginia and highlighted the local effects.

2. 4th of July Balloon Rally

7/1-7/3 (news updates at 6-7-8 a.m., 12-5 p.m.)

News stories featuring members of the Lexington Rotary Club, who discussed the Rotary/Cornerstone Bank 4th of July Balloon Rally at VMI. Rotary officials provided details about the schedule of events, how to reserve balloon rides and discussed how important it was to raise money through the rally to benefit local charities.

3. Waddell Elementary School project

7/8, 7/22, 8/12 (news updates at 6-7-8 a.m. and 12-5 p.m.)

News stories featuring Lexington School Superintendent Dan Lyons, who updated listeners about the negotiations to reduce the cost of building a new Waddell Elementary School. Lyons spoke of the agreement to finance the project and the plans to carry out the project in the fall while having the elementary school students attend classes in modular units on the Lylburn Downing Middle School campus.

4. Digging/Call 811

7/8, 7/9 (news updates at 6-7-8 a.m. and 12-5 p.m.)

News updates with Bob Innes with Columbia Gas. Innes discussed the need to call 811 if citizens or contractors were planning to dig. Innes also discussed the benefits of using Columbia Gas' budgeting plans to offset high winter heating bills.

5. Health Concerns, Flu, Ebola

8/12, 8/19 (news updates at 6-7-8 a.m. and 12-5 p.m.)

News reports featuring Jonathan Falk with the Virginia Department of Health. Falk discussed several specific health concerns, including the ebola crisis, the need to vaccinate against the flu, and the need for all ages to vaccinate against other health concerns, including pertussis.

6. Back to school

8/18-19, 8/27-29 (news updates at 6-7-8 a.m. and 12-5 p.m.)

News updates featuring the three local school superintendents, Dan Lyons from Lexington, Jack Donald from Rockbridge County and John Keeler from Buena Vista. The superintendents discussed changes for the 2014-2015 academic year, new personnel and administrators, and their priorities for the upcoming school year.

7. Fall Fire Season

9/8, 9/15 (news reports at 6-7-8 a.m. and 12-5 p.m.)

News stories featuring Karen Stanley with the Virginia Department of Forestry. Stanley highlighted her top fire concerns for the fall, including the disposal of hot ashes, campfires and burning debris. She gave recommendations for those planning to burn debris and for those planning to have fires while camping or hunting.