

News Issues and Programming Report

WDBJ Television

Fourth Quarter 2012

Top stories important to our viewers

10-4-12 "Meningitis Pkg" A Meningitis outbreak sweeps across five states. Local hospitals have admitted patients with symptoms. Length 2:05.

10-8-12 "Debate Preview" WDBJ previews the debate between VA Senate candidates George Allen and Tim Kaine. Length 1:40

10-9-12 "Meningitis Treatment" Continuing coverage of the disease outbreak of which there are 24 confirmed cases in the WDBJ viewing area and one death in Virginia. Length 1:00

10-10-12 "Debate pkg" Continuing coverage of the 5th District US Congress race between Robert Hurt and John Douglass. Length 2:20

10-15-12 "Fire Season LIVE Pkg" With the start of the fall wildfire season, VA Dept. of Forestry issues awareness program. Length 2:15

10-17-12 "Uranium vosot" Gov. Bob McDonnell's Uranium Working Group holds public forum in Chatham. Length 1:30

10-23-12 "Roanoke Gas pkg" Nearly 60,000 homes and business will pay 4 percent more for natural gas service. Length 3:00

10-31-12 "Property Rights" Two proposed amendments to the state constitution, one of which could impact property rights, are on the November 2012 ballot. The other amendment deals with the annual veto session.

11-6-12 "Elections" WDBJ had the results, and produced live shots during the 11:00 p.m. newscast from the four winning candidate's victory headquarters, in the US Senate and US Congressional races. WDBJ also had Political Analyst Harry Wilson live on the news set for his commentary and insight. The length of this coverage was about 16 minutes.

In addition, WDBJ had the results from the two state constitutional amendments. Voters said "yes" to the proposed amendment defining the right to private property as fundamental. Voters also said yes to a proposed amendment that would allow the General Assembly to delay the veto session for up to a week, so it doesn't conflict with a religious holidays. Length :30

11-7-12 "Election Lines" WDBJ details how voters in NW Roanoke City precincts had to wait several hours in order to cast their ballots. Length 2:45

11-9-12 "Relief Drive" WDBJ hosts a food drive to help those in need from the hurricane and flood damaged areas of New York. About 43,000 pounds of food were collected. Length 1:30

11-19-12 "Voting Precincts" Roanoke City Council addresses voting precinct realignment after some voters had to wait more than three hours to vote. Length 2:35

11-26-12 "Plan B" A new recommendation by the American Academy of Pediatrics says doctors should prescribe emergency contraceptives for girls 16 and under. WDBJ provides opinions on both sides of the debate. Length 2:30

12-4-12 "Flu Season" Local hospitals are already seeing cases of the flu. WDBJ interviewed a doctor for his recommendations. Length 1:50.

12-6-12 "Volvo pkg" Pulaski County truck manufacturer Volvo says it will lay off 300 employees. Length 2:00