

WFIR 3rd Quarter 2014
Roanoke, Virginia

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>TITLE/RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING</u>	<u>DATE/TIME/DURATION</u>
1 McDonnell Trial	Virginians were riveted to the trial of former governor Bob McDonnell and his wife Maureen on public corruption charges. McDonnell passed a plea deal, rolled the dice and lost. A jury convicted the couple on most charges and they face the real possibility of having to go to prison if their appeals are unsuccessful. We provided extensive coverage of the trial and the issues it raised, including proposed government reforms.	7/28-9/16 - 75 Minutes
2. Missing UVA student	Another student disappears in Charlottesville. The suspect in her disappearance is linked by DNA to the Morgan Harrington murder in 2009. Police scramble to investigate that while crews search for any sign of Hannah Graham. As the quarter ended, the suspect, Jesse Matthew, had been arrested in Texas and returned to Virginia and there was still no sign of Hannah Graham.	9/16-9/30 - 41 Minutes
3. Bedford Schools	Wrestling with budget issues, Bedford officials considered closing two schools. We followed this every step of the way as parents fought with school officials over keeping the schools open.	7/25-9/12 - 32 Minutes
4. Medicaid Expansion	The issue of Medicaid expansion continued to get lots of attention from Democrats who want to cover more Virginians and Republicans who don't want to accept the federal money. We covered the debate and the special session of the General Assembly, which took up the issue briefly and then adjourned without taking action.	7/23-9/18 - 36 Minutes

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| 5. Roanoke County Supervisors | Roanoke County's Board of Supervisors splits three to two on most issues. WFIR is covering this partisan divide, which has resulted in lengthy spats during public meetings. | 8/29-9/10 - 19 Minutes |
| 6. Same Sex Marriage | The Same Sex Marriage issue heats up in Virginia as the Democratic Virginia Attorney General decides not to defend the state's Constitutional ban. The issue winds up in court, almost becomes legal, then goes on a back burner while everybody waits for the US Supreme Court to decide whether it will get involved. | 8/13-8/20 - 21 Minutes |
| 7. Schools | Schools open positive note, but worry about lower test scores because of tougher tests. WFIR covered this issue from a variety of angles. It comes as the biggest school division in the region, Roanoke County, begins the search for a new superintendent, and then has to replace a board member who resigned to take a job with the school system. | 8/12-9/16 - 31 Minutes |
| 8. Senate Race | Democratic U.S. Senator Mark Warner gets early start in campaign, appears headed to reelection against Republican opponent Ed Gillespie. We covered the candidates in their joint appearances and as they make appearances in this area. We also look at the candidacy of Rober Sarvis, the Libertarian in the race. | 7/18-9/10 - 68 Minutes |
| 9. State Budget | The governor and state lawmakers reach a rare bi-partisan concensus what needs to be done to meet a shortfall in the state budget due to declining revenues. Local governments look nervously at how this might affect them. | 9/15-9/16 - 15 Minutes |