

Third Quarter 2013

Main Focuses:

Skylar Neese Murder Case, Cold Case Murder Arrests, The Local/National Drug War, Government Shutdown, & Obamacare Debate & Implementation

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The licensee of station, WDTV-TV, has determined that the issues listed here were of importance to the community during the past three months, and have aired the following programs to address those issues, during the fourth quarter, dated July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013.

Issue #1: Skylar Neese Murder Case

Date(s)/Time(s) Aired: 7/1, 7/22, 8/1, 8/4, 8/20, 9/2, 9/5, 9/9, 9/12, 9/19, 9/23

Appeared on all 5 News shows on specified dates.

The Skylar Neese murder case continues, this time with the public arraignment of the second teenaged suspect in the case. She is being treated as an adult, and is scheduled for a trial in October 2013.

Issue #2: Cold Case Murder Arrests

Date(s)/Time(s) Aired: 9/17-9/20, 9/23, 9/27, 9/30.

Appeared on all 5 News shows for approximately 1-2 minutes on each date.

More than a decade after two Lewis County women went missing, three arrests were made in September 2013. All three have been charged with murder, finally bringing closure to the families and friends of the two women who went missing. Still no word on where the bodies were. On September 30th, the last of the three suspects finally appeared in court for an arraignment.

Issue #3: The Local/National Drug War

Date(s)/Time(s) Aired: A story dealing with a drug arrest in our region ran every day this quarter, with the following exceptions: 7/7, 7/17, 7/21, 8/8, 8/18, 9/3, 9/8, 9/19, 9/22.

Every day (except those noted above), there were drug arrest(s) in our viewing area. If there wasn't a drug arrest, we at least did stories on the drug war in our state. We also did news pieces on the efforts by top federal authorities to scale back penalties on drug offenders, and refocusing efforts on prosecuting violent offenders.

Issue #4: Government Shutdown

Date(s)/Time(s) Aired: 9/16-9/18, 9/23-9/30.

Appeared on all 5 News shows for approximately 1-2 minutes each.

Starting in mid-September, the chances of our federal government shutting down at the end of the calendar month began to increase. So, just about every day from that point, we began to explain to people why that would have dire consequences, how it would affect them, etc. This will continue to be a focus daily into the 4th quarter since the government did end up shutting down, and the debt ceiling will be hit by mid-October.

Issue #5: Obamacare Debate & Implementation

Date(s)/Time(s) Aired: 7/1-7/2, 7/8-7/9, 7/17-7/18, 7/22-7/23, 7/29-7/30, 8/5-8/6, 8/12-8/13, 8/19-8/20, 8/26-8/27, 9/2-9/3, 9/9-9/10, 9/16-9/20, 9/23-9/30.

Appeared on all 5 News shows for approximately 1-2 minutes each.

Obamacare has been an ongoing debate since its inception several years ago. But with the Obamacare exchanges opening up in October, Congress using Obamacare as a negotiating chip in the shutdown debate, and confusion over prices/sign-up procedures, the debate intensified in September. Coverage will continue daily (or as needed) in the 4th quarter.