

WFIR 3rd Quarter 2011
Roanoke, Virginia

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>TITLE/RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING</u>	<u>DATE/TIME/DURATION</u>
1. Wind Turbines	<p>From Floyd Country to Roanoke County, the issue of putting wind turbines on scenic mountain ridges has become a major issue. Roanoke County in particular spent some time wrestling with regulations for large turbines. While no applications have yet been made, a Chicago company is looking at putting a wind farm on top of Poor Mountain. WFIR has covered this idea and the significant opposition to it.</p>	8/10-9/14 - 41 Minutes
2. U.S. Senate Race	<p>Candidates are lining up for next year's U.S. Senate race in Virginia. The marquee players are former governors, Democrat Tim Kaine and George Allen. Allen is facing several opponents for the Republican Nomination at this point. WFIR is keeping track of this race, which is being closely watched nationally.</p>	7/20-9/8 - 50 Minutes
3. Smith/Bell Senate Race	<p>Senator Ralph Smith was set to be unopposed in November, but the man he beat for the Republican nomination four years ago is back. This time, Brandon Bell is running as an independent. This promises to be a hot race, and we've given it early coverage.</p>	8/22-9/22 - 38 Minutes
4. Security Guard Murder	<p>The Killing of an apartment complex security guard got a lot of attention and WFIR covered it extensively, from the investigation that finally resulted in an arrest, to the issues involving residential security in a high-crime area.</p>	7/14-7/26 - 25 Minutes

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| 5. Roanoke County Schools | Roanoke County Opens a new school and grapples with standardized tests. WFIR covered those issues, along with the beginning of a new, longer school day for county students. | 7/25-9/1 - 52 Minutes |
| 6. Roanoke City Schools | Roanoke City was able to open before Labor Day this year, thanks to special legislation in last year's General Assembly. WFIR has been covering that issue. And from the "Eat for Education" meals tax to the struggle for accreditation, Roanoke City Schools remained in the news. WFIR provided Regular and extensive coverage. | 7/13-9/30 - 47 Minutes |
| 7. I-81 Construction | Blasting on Interstate 81 on Christiansburg Mountain has given VDOT and motorists a headache. After trying and scrapping the practice of "rolling stoppages", VDOT turned to regular detours from Dixie Caverns to Christiansburg, causing weekday morning traffic Bottlenecks that are likely to continue. | 5/10-7/28 - 30 Minutes |
| 8. Hurricane Irene | Hurricane Irene hit Virginia hard, with power outages and flooding. WFIR kept listeners informed about the storm's potential as it approaches and about the damage to eastern and northern Virginia after it passed. We track of Voluneers and Emergency workers. | 8/22-8/30 - 62 Minutes |
| 9. Countryside Property | This property near the airport has been a hot topic since the city of Roanoke first bought the golf course, then decided to close it. WFIR has covered the debate over what to do about the property. The latest involves putting an urban farm on part of it. | 8/2-9/23 - 28 Minutes |
| 10. Franklin Country Sheriff | The Franklin County Sheriff has been under intense criticism for not notifying Roanoke Valley law officers quickly enough when one of his deputies went rogue and headed to Roanoke to kill his wife. WFIR has covered the criminal case against the accused deputy and the political case against the Sheriff. | 7/8-8/19 - 35 Minutes |