

WAKG
2012 Public File
January through March

1. **Date:** January 4 **Time:** 6:30a, 8:30a, 12:30p, 4:30p, 5:30p **Length:** 35-sec

Issue: Uranium mining in Pittsylvania County... is it safe?

Programming: Pittsylvania County Delegate Don Merricks remains unconvinced the ore can be mined safely. He is most concerned about the potential for contamination of wells and streams (Newscasts)

2. **Date:** January 12 **Time:** 6:30a, 7:00a, 8:30a **Length:** 20-sec

Issue: Pittsylvania County School Board shortfall in next year's budget

Programming: Assistant Superintendent Don Johnson says groups are asking for \$6.7 million in next year's budget, but they're expecting \$3.7 million in cuts in the governor's proposal... plus \$2.4 million in federal stimulus money that will not be in next year's budget. (Newscasts)

3. **Date:** January 17 **Time:** 6:30a, 8:30a, 4:30p, 5:30p **Length:** 20-sec

Issue: Southside unemployment rates down from a year ago.

Programming: This according to a November jobless report from the Virginia Employment Commission. The Danville metro area's rate is below 9% for the second month in a row... but still the highest in Virginia, but it's 2% lower than it was in November of 2010. (Newscasts)

4. **Date:** February 7 **Time:** 7:30a, 8:00a, 12:30p, 4:30p **Length:** 25-sec

Issue: Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors begin last night's meeting without prayer.

Programming: That's because a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction over the weekend, preventing the Board from saying sectarian prayers before meetings. This will remain in effect until the ACLU's suit against the county is resolved. (Newscasts)

5. **Date:** February 28 **Time:** 7:30a, 8:30a, 3:30p, 4:30p **Length:** 35-sec

Issue: Flu season is officially underway.

Programming: Dr. Laura Gately, Director of the Pittsylvania/Danville Health District says it's unusual for the flu season to start this late, but not unprecedented. Dr. Gately says the seasonal flu vaccine is available in abundance this year. (Newscasts)

6. **Date:** February 29 **Time:** 6:30a, 7:00a, 12:30p, 5:30p **Length:** 40-sec

Issue: Rabies alert

Programming: Dan Richardson, Environmental Health Manager for the Pittsylvania/Danville Health District has issued the alert for a neighborhood near Chatham after a rabid raccoon scratched a resident of the Museville Road and bit several pets. (Newscasts)

7. **Date:** March 5 **Time:** 6:30a, 7:30a, 12:30p, 4:30p **Length:** 20-sec

Issue: Schools to open before Labor Day?

Programming: A bill to allow that failed in the General Assembly. However, Danville School Superintendent Sue Davis says the late start puts them at a disadvantage in advanced placement and international baccalaureate testing. Thus they get to open before Labor Day this school year thanks to a one-time waiver. (Newscasts)

8. **Date:** March 20 **Time:** 6:30a, 8:00a, 12:30p, 3:30p, 5:30p **Length:** 40-sec

Issue: Danville Street Crimes Unit back in business.

Programming: Captain Tommy Merricks says there will now be a larger contingent of police officers to help reduce violent crime. Merricks says the expanded unit will have the capability to go into any neighborhood as needed. (Newscasts)

9. **Date:** March 27 **Time:** 6:30a, 7:00a, 12:30p, 4:30p, 5:30p **Length:** 45-sec

Issue: City water possibly contaminated

Programming: The problem had to do with runoff following the weekend downpours. As a result, and as a precautionary measure, Barry Dunkley, Director of Water & Wastewater Treatment for the City of Danville issues a "boil water" notification until further notice.

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2012 Public File
April through June

1. **Date:** April 3 **Time:** 6:30a, 7a, 12:30p, 4:30p, 5:30p **Length:** 45-sec

Issue: Gasoline prices rising to record levels

Programming: Wendy Van Curen with AAA Mid-Atlantic says prices are 10¢ below the all-time high of \$4.01 set almost 4 years ago. Gasoline prices are expected to shatter all records in the next 10-15 days (newscasts)

2. **Date:** April 4 **Time:** 6:30a, 7:30a, 12:30p, 4:30p, 5:30p **Length:** 25-sec

Issue: One out of four people in Danville are in poor health

Programming: This according to "County Health Rankings" released today by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Danville is 118 out of Virginia's 131 localities in overall health measures. A teen birth rate three times higher than the national average. Sexually transmitted diseases rate ten times the national average. Reasons: 54% of children live in single-parent households, an unemployment rate double the national average, and a 42% child poverty rate. (newscasts)

3. **Date:** April 12 **Time:** 6:30a, 7:30a, 12:30p, 4:30p, 5:30p **Length:** 40-sec

Issue: A second Danville school is on the chopping block

Programming: Dr. Sue Davis, Superintendent, says they're trying to close a \$5.6 million funding gap. Davis says it's due to the unexpected drop in state funding. Danville has already had to close W. Townes Lea Elementary School to make ends meet. (newscasts)

4. **Date:** April 18 **Time:** 7:30a, 8:30a, 12:30p, 5:30p **Length:** 35-sec

Issue: Answers to why city residents were under a "boil water advisory" late last month

Programming: Wastewater Treatment Director Barry Dunkley told City Council the chemicals used to deal with the heavy rains weren't working. They had to put much of the water back into the river. Eventually, some of the water had to be put in the system to maintain pressure. Mayor Saunders apologized for the inconvenience. (newscasts)

5. **Date: April 20 Time: 6:30a, 7:30a, 12:30p, 4:30p, 5:30p Length: 20-sec**

Issue: Danville's metro population numbers continue to fall.

Programming: This morning's report shows the Danville Metro area with an estimated population of 105,696. That's down from the official headcount of a year ago. Most of the loss comes from Pittsylvania County losing 620 during the 12-month period. The city of Danville losing only 38. **(newscast)**

6. **Date: May 1 Time: 6:30a, 7:30a, 12:30p, 5:30p Length: 45-sec**

Issue: PATHS gets a major Federal grant to help the uninsured and under insured.

Programming: PATHS CEO Kay Crane announced a \$2.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The money will pay for a 9,000-square-foot addition and will allow PATHS to expand its pharmacy, as well as offer new services, like OB/GYN, and a central lab where patients can take advantage of walk-in testing. Plus PATHS will be able to see more patients on a walk-in basis. **(newscasts)**

7. **Date: May 23 Time: 7:30a, 12:30p, 4:30p, 5:30p Length: 35-sec**

Issue: City Manager Joe King not pleased with the way public was notified of the "boil water advisory" in late March.

Programming: City Council members were not warned the alert was being issued and were inundated with phone calls from concerned constituents. Special needs users, like the city's jail and detention facilities were not alerted there was a problem. The City's emergency management staff was not given a briefing prior to the alert. King also said the City failed to include consumer information in the alert that would answer some of the most frequently-asked questions. **(newscasts)**

8. **Date: June 28 Time: 6:30a, 7:30a, 12:30p, 4:30p, 5:30p Length: 45-sec**

Issue: Fifth District Congressman Robert Hurt not happy with Supreme Court's decision on "Obamacare."

Programming: He says it's a "clarion call for those in Congress who believe this law should be repealed." Hurt says the House has voted on 30 different occasions to repeal, dismantle, defund, and replace the President's flawed health care law. Hurt agrees the health care system has problems, but favors market-based reforms. **(newscasts)**

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July - September

1. **Date:** July 11 **Time:** 6:30A, 6:55A, 12:30P, 4:30P, 5:30P **Length:** 30-sec

Issue: More bad news for Pittsylvania County teachers

Programming: They've gone four years without a pay raise, and now Superintendent James McDaniel says that next year's insurance premiums will go up nearly 10%. McDaniel says they have no choice but to force teachers to make up the difference. McDaniel says the increase will mean \$50 to \$150 per month taken from employee's paychecks to make up the difference. (Newscasts)

2. **Date:** July 12 **Time:** 6:30A, 6:55A, 12:30P, 4:30P, 5:30P **Length:** 30-sec

Issue: Crops in Pittsylvania County suffering from extreme heat.

Programming: Extension Agent Steve Barts says the hot temperatures may lead to a 20-25% drop in corn yields and a 10-15% reduction in tobacco. Barts says the county has also seen significant wind and hail damage to tobacco and corn. (Newscasts)

3. **Date:** July 17 **Time:** 7:30A, 8:30A, 12:30P, 4:30P, 5:30P **Length:** 35-sec

Issue: A change in July utility bills

Programming: According to Nate Lewis, Key Accounts Manager for Danville Utilities, bills will now offer a more detailed breakdown of charges and graphs allowing the customer to chart month-to-month usage of water and energy. (Newscasts)

4. **Date:** August 15 **Time:** 6:30A, 6:55A, 8:00A, 12:30P 5:30P **Length:** 60-sec

Issue: Vice President Biden commits a huge gaff while speaking in Danville.

Programming: He tells voters that Mitt Romney wants to put them "back in chains" by deregulating Wall Street. He later said he meant to use the word "unshackled." Romney's campaign said the comments marked a "new low" for the Obama campaign. (Newscast)

5. **Date: August 22 Time: 6:30A, 7:30A, 12:30P, 4:30P, 5:30P Length: 35-sec**

Issue: Scams targeting the elderly

Programming: Captain Dennis Haley of the Danville Police Department says people posing as relatives are calling the elderly and asking for money. Haley says the scheme is well thought out, and is working, unfortunately. So the elderly need to be alert. (Newscasts)

6. **Date: August 27 Time: 7:30A, 8:00A, 12:30P, 4:30P, 5:30P Length: 30-sec**

Issue: What to do with the lot at the former Downtowner Motor Inn site.

Programming: The Downtown Danville Assoc. the Industrial Development Authority and the Danville Regional Foundation are asking citizens to speak their minds. Some are suggesting a "green space" for visitors to relax. Councilman Fred Shanks says it should be turned into additional parking. The city website has a survey for residents to share their opinions. (Newcasts)

7. **Date: Sept. 11 Time: 6:30A, 7:30A, 8:00A, 12:30P, 5:30P Length: 25-sec**

Issue: Goodyear cutting jobs

Programming: Laura Singleton, Communications Manager for Goodyear Danville, says approximately 55 workers will be affected by the layoffs. All are hourly employees. The job cuts will be in place by October. Singleton said Goodyear is not producing volume for volume's sake, but in response to customer demand. (Newscasts)

8. **Date: Sept. 13 Time: 6:30A, 6:55A, 12:30P, 4:30P, 5:30P Length: 1:15-sec**

Issue: Uranium mining

Programming: A survey conducted by Virginia Commonwealth University reveals that over 72% of those surveyed feel the current ban on uranium mining should continue. Andrew Lester of the Roanoke River Basin Association feels that uranium threatens water quality and tourism. Dr. Gary Miller, cardiologist and councilman, feels the area will lose doctors, and also have trouble attracting residents to the area. (Newscasts)

9. **Date:** Sept. 18 **Time:** 6:30A, 7:30A, 12:30P, 4:30P, 5:30P **Length:** 50-sec

Issue: Jobs coming to Danville

Programming: Chinese furniture assembler, GOK International, plans to open operations in the Danville area employing 300 people within three years. Average annual salary, \$30,000. (Newscasts)

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October - December

1. **Date:** October 2 **Time:** 6:30a, 6:55a, 7:30a, 12:30p, 4:30p, 5:30p
Length: 35-sec

Issue: High gasoline prices

Programming: Never been this high in October in Virginia and across the country. Wendy Van Curen with AAA Mid-Atlantic says the average is about \$3.62 per gallon. She says record low supplies have prevented motorists from catching a break.
(Newscasts)

2. **Date:** October 3 **Time:** 6:30a, 6:55a, 7:30a, 8:30a, 12:30p, 4:30p, 5:30p
Length: 55--sec

Issue: Handful of high paying jobs are on the way

Programming: Danville Delegate Danny Marshall says the city will be the hub of a new supercomputer-based network allowing doctors to speed cancer treatment and thus increase survival rates. Crucial info will be transferred in just 47 seconds. That same process today takes 8 to 10 weeks. Average pay \$90,000. (Newscasts)

3. Date: October 16 Time: 6:30a, 6:55a, 7:30a, 8:00a, 3:30p Length: 55-sec

Issue: A new report on uranium mining for the Southside says negative impacts have been overstated.

Programming: Steve Fuller, lead author of a survey compiled by researchers at George Mason University told a small crowd at the Institute last night they could find no negative effects from the proposed Cole's Hill operation near Chatham. (Newscasts)

4. **Date: November 6 Time: 6:30a, 7:30a, 8:00a, 12:30p, 4:30p, 5:30p**
Length: 25-sec

Issue: Gibson Middle School to be converted to an elementary school

Programming: Superintendent Sue Davis says this is part of a cost-cutting initiative to close a \$5-million funding gap. Students who attend Gibson now will attend Bonner or Westwood Middle School. (Newscasts)

5. **Date: November 14 Time: 6:55a, 8:00a, 12:30p, 4:30p, 5:30p Length: 25-sec**

Issue: Rabies alert for residents of northeast Gretna

Programming: Kelly Waller technical specialist with the Pittsylvania-Danville Health District, says a skunk found in the Renan Road area tested positive for rabies. Residents of the area are asked to observe their vaccinated dogs and pets for the next 45 days for a change in behavior, excitability, irritability, staggering, or biting. (Newscasts)

6. **Date: November 28 Time: 6:55a, 8:00a, 12:30p, 3:30p, 5:30p Length: 30-sec**

Issue: City looking at a \$3-million shortfall next year.

Programming: Joe King, City Manager, says that closing a gap this big will require substantial hikes in taxes and fees, elimination or reduction of services, programs, and facilities, or a combination of both. (Newscasts)

7. **Date: December 3 Time: 6:55a, 8:00a, 12:30p, 4:30p, 5:30p Length 35-sec**

Issue: Danville School Board to close 3 elementary schools next year

Programming: Those would include, according to Dr. Sue Davis, Glenwood, Taylor and Woodrow Wilson. Dr. Davis went on to say that 40 positions will be cut during the coming fiscal year, including at least 15 in the School Board office. (Newscasts)

8. **Date: December 18 Time: 6:55a, 8:00a, 12:30p, 4:30p, 5:30p Length: 50-sec**

Issue: Christmas gifts for the devastated community of Newtown Conn.

Programming: Jeff Wright, with Lively Stones Baptist Church is looking to fill a tractor-trailer truck with cards, balloons, artificial flowers, etc. to be delivered to families on Christmas Eve and Day. Gifts can be dropped off at the Church or at the Sign Center on Wooding Avenue. (Newscasts)

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