

Fisher and Frelantz signing off on WROV

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Fred Frelantz and Jack Fisher's last show on WROV (1240, AM) will be today, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fisher says the show was interfering with his job as a vice president for Finnegan & Agee advertising firm.

Fisher's original stint with WROV, 1964-1970, coincided with a period of extraordinary creativity in popular music.

Fisher and Fred Frelantz did a two-man show in 1966, but worked separate shifts on WROV during most of their careers. Fisher returned to WROV with a monthly oldies show in 1981, and was later joined by Frelantz.

Fisher says this is the end of his 20-year radio career.

"I'm going to miss doing it, but it got to the point that I couldn't do both things," he said.

It's probably the end for Frelantz's radio career as well.

"I wouldn't care to do it without Jack," he said.

The station will probably carry UVa football in that time slot.

The final show will feature "lots of heavy nostalgia," Fisher says. He and Frelantz will recall WROV's glory years in the 1960s, when the station "was the K-92 of its day."

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Robert M. Geweniger has been appointed general manager of WXCX AM-FM in Clifton Forge.

Geweniger, of Riverdale, Md., has served as announcer, salesman and production director at stations in Illinois and Kentucky. He recently completed graduate studies at the University of Maryland.

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WFNR (710, AM) in Christiansburg doubled its power this week. The country music station now beams out 10,000 watts.

WVTF's (89.1, FM) "Fresh Air," to be heard Tuesday, profiles Cynthia Lennon. The first wife of Beatle John recalls her husband and her days as a Beatle wife during the Fab Four's rise to megastardom.

Sounds interesting, right? But wait, there's a catch. The show's on at 5:30 in the morning.

Special features, guests and spotlight artists this week:

Today:

● Elvis, noon; George Jones, 4 p.m., WFNR (710, AM).

● Top 100 oldies of all time, Dick Bartley's "Solid Gold," 7 p.m. to midnight, Q99 (89.1, FM).

● Reba McEntire, 9 p.m., WSLC (610, AM).

Sunday:

● Huey Lewis and the News, 9 p.m., WROV (1240, AM).

● Eric Clapton, "King Biscuit," 10 p.m.; Tom Petty's "Southern Accents," 11 p.m., Rock 105 (104.9, FM).

Tuesday:

● Billy Joel's Album Party, 10-11:30 p.m., WROV.

Friday:

● Rush, "Off Tracks," 12:15-12:45 p.m., Rock 105.

AROUND THE DIAL

DAYTIME

(710) WFNR Christiansburg. Country music, CBS News Network news and sports.

(810) WROV Roanoke. Urban contemporary music, public affairs programming, Sheridan Network.

(89.1) WJZZ ("Triple-J") Christiansburg. Contemporary and Top 40 music, news, Paul Harvey, features, Va. Tech sports, ABC Contemporary Network.

(8410) WRIB Roanoke. Inspirational music, features, Medical news.

(840) WRXK Blacksburg. Adult contemporary, Va. Tech sports, local news and public affairs.

(840) WRAY Salem. Big band and jazz music, American Information Network.

(880) WRBA Roanoke. Religious/family oriented.

AM - DAY AND NIGHT

(810) WBLZ Roanoke. Country music, news, Va. Tech football, stock car and motorcycle racing, NBC, 24 hours.

(800) WFRR Roanoke. Adult contemporary music, news, Talk Net, Professional and Roanoke area high school sports, CBS, 24 hours.

(1240) WROV Roanoke. Adult contemporary music, news, information, sports with Howard Cosell and Don Chavis, Paul Harvey, UVa football, Virginia Network, ABC, 24 hours.

PM

(88.1) WVTF Roanoke. Classical, jazz, folk and contemporary music, features, public affairs and news, National Public Radio, 1 a.m. sign-off.

(80.7) WUVF Blacksburg. Virginia Tech student station. New music, variety, 24 hours.

(88.3) WJZZ ("J-92") Roanoke. Contemporary music, features, 24 hours.

(88.3) WJZZ ("J-92") Roanoke. Modern country and country rock music, ABC Entertainment Network, 24 hours.

(84.9) WFNR ("FM-84.9") Roanoke. Light contemporary ("Beautiful Music"), news, 24 hours.

(88.5) WRVA Martinsville. Adult contemporary music, features, news, UVa, Va. Tech, professional and high school sports, stock car racing, NBC, 11 p.m. sign-off.

(88.1) WBLZ ("Q-88") Roanoke. Contemporary adult music, features, news, 24 hours.

(104.9) WVVV ("Rock 105") Blacksburg. Rock music, Va. Tech sports, ABC Rock Radio Network, 8 a.m. sign-off.

(107.5) WPKR Pulaski. Adult country, ranging from Marie Osmond to Southern Rock, Virginia News Network, 24 hours.