

## WGSN Quarterly Issues 2020

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### Section 1: Issues

- A. Community: Notices of activities in the community.
- B. Health: Discussing local health needs and precautions.
- C. Crime: Local criminal activity and community concerns.
- D. Transportation: Issues dealing with local roads.
- E. Education: Issues of safety and discussing how to educate using the Internet.
- F. Recreation: Opportunities to have fun locally.

### Section II: Responsive Programs

- A. **WGSN News: “Some E TN Holiday Events Are Still Scheduled”** According to WBIR-TV News numerous large festivals and celebrations are canceled this year due to the dangers of gathering in big crowds and the difficulties of social distancing. However, some East Tennessee cities are still planning to hold 4th of July fireworks and festivals... **Broadcast:** 7/1/20 **Code:** 9332 **Duration:** 1:08 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 7/2/20.

**WGSN News: “Time is Running Out to Complete Census.** According to WBIR-TV News, time is running out if you haven't yet completed your 2020 Census. Everything from federal funding for highways to schools and health care depends on completing the 10-minute questionnaire. According to Census 2020, 93 million households, nearly 63 percent of all households in the nation, have responded to the census. The response rate in Tennessee is 62 percent, which is ranked 27 in the country. **Broadcast:** 8/13/20 **Code:** 9342 **Duration:** 0 :47 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 8/14/20.

**WGSN News: “Wreaths Across America Tour to Stop in East Tennessee”** The Wreaths Across America's Mobile Education Exhibit will make a tour stop in Knoxville from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, September 5th, for a very public opportunity to honor America's veterans and raise awareness of their national flag waving effort and Wreaths Across America Day on December 19th, 2020. **Broadcast:** 9/1/20 **Code:** 9322 **Duration:** 1:01 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 9/2/20.

- B. **WGSN News: “Sevier County Mayor Extends Mask Wearing Order”** According to the Knoxville News-Sentinel, Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters signed an executive order Tuesday extending the county's mask mandate for public indoor spaces until Aug. 29. **Broadcast:** 8/4/20 **Code:** 9321 **Duration:** 0:40 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 8/5/20.

**WGSN News: “2 E. TN. Schools Already Reporting Virus Cases”** As reported by the Knoxville News-Sentinel, while Maryville City Schools, Blount County Schools and Oak Ridge Schools all started last week with extra safety precautions, the districts have already reported positive COVID-19 cases. **Broadcast:** 8/6/20 **Code:** 9340 **Duration:** 1:00 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 8/7/20.

**WGSN News: “RAM Clinic Coming to Scott County.** Area residents are invited to schedule an appointment for free medical care later this month. According to WBIR-TV News, the next Remote Area Medical free clinics where patients can receive dental, medical and vision services at no cost will be in Oneida Sept. 12 – 13. **Broadcast:** 9/3/20 **Code:** 9340 **Duration:** 0:57 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 9/4/20.

- C. **WGSN News: “Officer-Involved Shooting in Johnson City”** According to the Knoxville News-Sentinel, State authorities are investigating the death of a man who was fatally shot during a confrontation with Johnson City police officers Tuesday night. **Broadcast:** 7/1/20 **Code:** 9330 **Duration:** 0:48 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 7/2/20.

**WGSN News: “Federal Investigation of Newport Utilities”** The Newport Plain Talk recently reported that on Tuesday, July 28 federal investigators arrived at Newport Utilities, apparently as part of an ongoing investigation into “alleged irregularities” at the company dating back several months. **Broadcast:** 8/6/20 **Code:** 9342 **Duration:** 1:00 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 8/7/20.

**WGSN News: “Stolen FEMA Truck Found in East Tennessee.** According to a news release from the Tennessee Highway Patrol, On Sunday, August 30, Tennessee Highway Patrol troopers and THP’s Criminal Investigation Division located two stolen commercial box trailers loaded with approximately \$450,000 worth of Meals Ready to Eat that were originally bound for hurricane relief efforts in Louisiana. The release stated THP Sergeant Bobby Bullington located a stolen commercial box trailer belonging to Conley Trucking Company out of South Carolina at a Pilot Travel Center off I-81 in Jefferson County. **Broadcast:** 9/10/20 **Code:** 9342 **Duration:** 1:20 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 9/11/20.

- D. **WGSN News: Preliminary Report on E TN Helicopter Crash Released”** According to WBIR-TV News, the National Transportation Safety Board has released its preliminary report on the August 3 fatal helicopter crash at Fort Loudoun Lake on the Tennessee River that killed Knoxville businessman Joe Clayton... **“Broadcast:** 8/20/20 **Code:** 9341 **Duration:** 1:06 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 8/21/20.

**WGSN News: “No Highway Lane Closures for Independence Day Holiday”** Road construction won’t slow motorists across Tennessee over the July 4th holiday. The Tennessee Department of Transportation will suspend all construction-related lane closures on interstates and state routes beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, July 3rd through 6:00 a.m. on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>... **Broadcast:** 7/2/20 **Code:** 9342 **Duration:** 0:52 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 7/3/20.

**WGSN News: “TDOT Halts Lane Closures for Labor Day Holiday”** The Tennessee Department of Transportation will halt all lane closure activity on interstates and state highways for the Labor Day holiday travel period. Construction crews will stop all lane closure activity beginning at noon... **Broadcast:** 9/4/20 **Code:** 9352 **Duration:** 0:39 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 9/7/20.

- E. **WGSN News: “Knox Co. Schools Plan Virtual Option for Students”** According to WATE-TV News, Knox County Schools officials are continuing to develop the reopening plan for fall and have announced a new survey, but it’s only for families are planning to use the district’s virtual school option. **Broadcast:** 7/2/20 **Code:** 9340 **Duration:** 1:06 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 7/3/20.

**WGSN News: “Governor Allows Resumption of Contact Sports”** On Friday Tennessee Governor Bill Lee signed Executive Order No. 55, allowing the resumption of contact sports and extending local authority to require masks, among other provisions. **Broadcast:** 8/3/20 **Code:** 9310 **Duration:** 1:19 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 8/4/20.

**WGSN News: “Virtual Learning a Challenge for Some E TN Students, Parents”** Some East Tennessee parents and students are finding the new education landscape somewhat rocky.

According to WBIR-TV News, several Jefferson County, parents are worried their children will fall behind in online learning, which is stressing out everyone involved. Over 23 percent of students district-wide are currently learning from home and their parents said there changes need to be made to ensure their kids get a fair shot at an education this year. **Broadcast:** 9/3/20 **Code:** 9341 **Duration:** 1:09 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 9/4/20.

- F. **WGSN News: “Ark Encounter to Host Largest Southern Gospel Music Event Next Fall”** On Tuesday the Ark Encounter and Abraham Productions, Inc., announced a new event that will be the world’s largest Christian music festival, to be held at the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Ky. (south of Cincinnati), in 2021. According to a news release, the event “40 Days & 40 Nights\* of Gospel Music at The Ark” will take place August 2 - September 10, and will span 40 days with numerous concerts daily, dynamic speakers, and opportunities to experience everything the Ark Encounter has to offer. **Broadcast:** 8/19/20 **Code:** 9332 **Duration:** 1:22 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 8/20/20.

**WGSN News: “Several E TN Residents Elk Hunt Drawing Winners”** The 15 persons who will participate in the 2020 Tennessee Elk Hunts were announced Friday during the August meeting of the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission held at the Marriott Meadowview Conference Center. **Broadcast:** 8/24/20 **Code:** 9312 **Duration:** 0:55 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 8/25/20.

**WGSN News: “GSNMP Officials to Re-open More Campsites and Picnic Areas”** According to the Associated Press, Great Smoky Mountains National Park is set to reopen additional campgrounds and picnic areas that have been closed due to the COVID-19 health crisis. In a news release park officials said that the additional areas are set to be accessible again starting Sept. 3. **Broadcast:** 9/3/20 **Code:** 9331 **Duration:** 0:43 **Airing:** 17:04:04, 7:04:04 9/3/20.