

Quarterly Issues Report

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Covering the period of July 1st, 2014
Through September 30th, 2014

WDSI-TV FOX61/WPDP-LP
Third Quarter 2014 Quarterly Issues Report
Covering July 1st, 2014 thru September 30th, 2014

Through informal ascertainment by written and oral communication with community members, it was determined that among the concerns of the Chattanooga community at large was the following issues:

Community Activities and Events
Consumer Information
Ethics and Morality
Financial News and Advice
Healthcare and Medical News
International News
National/Political News

The Following pages reflect descriptions of programming broadcast on WDSI/WPDP-LP during Third Quarter 2014 that respond to the needs and concerns of the Chattanooga community.

WDSI-TV FOX61/WPDP-LP Quarterly Issues

Issues: Public Affairs & Issues

Program: **UTC Metro Campus**

Type of program: **Local station produced public affairs program**

Airdate: Sunday, Third Quarter 2014
July 1st through September 30th, 2014

Air time: 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Duration: 30 minutes

Description:

UTC activities will be in the TV spotlight this weekend through partnerships with WDSI Fox 61/WPDP-LP.

“MetroCampus” premiere new episodes on Fox 61. WDSI Fox 61 is carried on Channel 11 of Chattanooga Comcast Cable.

“We are very grateful for our partnership with WDSI and Comcast. Television remains the dominant medium for mass communication, and these relationships allow us access beyond what we could otherwise do. We get to spread the good word about UTC activities and the companies get access to quality programming, so it's a win-win situation,” said Chuck Cantrell, assistant vice chancellor for university relations.

“MetroCampus,” the monthly public affairs program produced by Cantrell, highlights campus programs and activities. Each month’s installment features the UTC happenings & a guest from the campus or related event. The program airs at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

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Issues: Public Affairs & Issues

Program: **Around the Region**

Type of program: Local station produced program

Airdate: Sunday, Third Quarter 2014
July 1st through September 30th, 2014

Air time: 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Duration: 30 minutes

Description:

Andrea Perry joined WDSI-Fox 61/WPDP-LP as host of “Around the Region” in January 2011. She brings more than 16 years experience working in both radio and television media.

“Around the Region” which airs every second Sunday of the month features guests to discuss issues such as local events, coming events, local developments with groups within the community, health issues & concerns, educational events & opportunities for local youth, what local business leaders are doing, as well as the latest happenings with our local political scene and local government agencies happenings. With a recent increase in city wide crime residents have a growing concern about safety in their homes & neighborhoods as well as in other areas of the city. The local police department is working with gang related crime specialists to provide safety and peace of mind for citizens.

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Issues: Public Affairs & Issues

Program: **Taking Care of Business/
Chamber of Commerce**

Type of program: Local station produced program

Airdate: Sunday, Third Quarter 2014
July 1st through September 30th, 2014

Air time: 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Duration: 30 Minutes

Description: Ron Harr is the host of the program

Ron Harr, President & CEO, Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce along various guests discuss various activities going on in and around Chattanooga and how it involves the business world in our community. The program also features special guests that are involved with local business events, developments and how that will influence the community. Chattanooga has recently seen an increase in industrial businesses coming to the area and creating jobs for residents. Local business owners are also sometimes featured to help recognize their success & encourage youth to pursue education to help with future employment. Local schools & colleges are also jumping in to encourage our youth to continue their education & become productive members of the community.

WDSI-TV FOX61/WPDP-LP Quarterly Issues

Issues: Local News

Program: **FOX61 FIRST @ TEN**

Type of program: Local News

Airdate: Monday - Sunday, Third Quarter 2014
July 1st through September 30th, 2014

Air time: 10:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Duration: 30 minutes

Description:

WDSI FOX61 does a shared newscast with NEWSCHANNEL 9

The news program covers current events & news in our community and surrounding areas as well as national news events and how they will impact our community and the world we live in. News program also includes weather updates, current forecasts and updates on possible severe weather conditions that will impact the community. Sports are also covered, local high schools, college and the professional sports world.

Crime
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Community
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Economy
Educational
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Traffic

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SENIOR SEXUALLY ASSAULTED

WE'RE GETTING ANSWERS ABOUT WHAT POLICE SAID WAS AN ASSAULT YESTERDAY ON MISSISSIPPI AVENUE...

BUT WE PRESSED POLICE AND FOUND OUT THEY ARE NOW CALLING IT A SEXUAL ASSAULT...

POLICE SAY A 69-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED MONDAY MORNING AT ABOUT 7-30...

THIS RAISED THE QUESTION - WHY DID IT TAKE POLICE A FULL DAY TO CLASSIFY THIS AS A SEXUAL ASSAULT?

the circumstances of what the case itself being asexual assault a physical assault or another crime the information that we were trying to get out to make the community feel safer would have been the same

THEY WERE CONCERNED RELEASING CERTAIN FACTS WOULD TAMPER THE INVESTIGATION ///

MANY ARE SURPRISED TO HEAR THE VICTIM IN THIS CASE IS A MATURE MAN...

SO, WE DECIDED TO DO SOME RESEARCH

NATIONAL ADVOCACY GROUP, MALE SURVIVOR SAYS TWENTY THREE PERCENT OF MALES WILL BECOME A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AT SOME POINT IN THEIR LIFE...

BUT EXPERTS SAY IT HAPPENS MORE THAN IS EVEN REPORTED AND THAT'S PUTTING FEAR IN SOME OF THE SENIOR COMMUNITY...

Experts we spoke with say the main reason it's so under-reported.. is because men are too scared to come forward and admit what happened.

but regardless of the reason, how safe do seniors feel in our community when it comes to working out in the great outdoors?

we found their views.. were mixed.

80-year-old Bob Mowrey believes in staying fit.

So every other day, you can see him walking a mile.

Or taking Zumba classes.

Mowrey: I'm not really afraid to go on the streets of Ooltewah, Collegedale or Cleveland for that matter because of that, because I think it's an exception rather than rule. I don't think we're going to have a lot of that type of thing happening.

But for seventy-five year old Betsy Boone.... she chooses to stay fit.... indoors.

She says it's because of things like what happened here, on Mississippi Avenue.

Boone: You'd just be vulnerable because of something like today that happened. You don't hear, what happened today you don't hear it too much.

But experts like Dr. Ann Wolbert Burgess say that's not necessarily the case.

She says statistics would jump higher.. if men would come forward.

Burgess: We do not know the extent of elder male or males over sixty or seniors, I guess we could just call them seniors, as to how much this occurs. People don't keep good statistics on males, that's one problem. There's been a lot of education of course on females on sexual assault so we need to do more in this area.

She explains what needs to be done.. to solve the issue.

Anne Burgess: What needs to be done is to be sure that we are advising people or warning them about predators out there that are looking for male victims. That's something that is new and hasn't been well addressed I don't think.

Mowrey says he's going to continue to live his life... without fear.

as it goes. I don't think I'm going to carry any extra protection of any type.

Dr. Anne Burgess says by doing stories like these, she hopes men that were afraid to speak up before would see it as a sign of encouragement and report the assault to police.

WHILE IT MAY BE UNDER-REPORTED, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHRIS ANDERSON WITH MALE SURVIVOR TELL US THERE ARE MORE AND MORE CASES OF OLDER AMERICANS WHO ARE ASSAULTED EACH DAY

UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS

T-B-I OFFICIALS ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP IDENTIFYING AN ELDERLY WOMAN FOUND DEAD MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO...

THIS IS A COMPOSITE IMAGE OF THE WOMAN RELEASED BY THE T-B-I.

AUTHORITIES SAY A WOMAN WAS FOUND AT THE ENTRANCE OF FOSTER FALLS STATE PARK IN MARION COUNTY IN FEBRUARY 2007.

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY HER HAVE FAILED, SO THEY'RE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS SAY SHE HAD A GOLF BALL-SIZED TUMOR ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HER NECK.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL T-B-I INVESTIGATORS

NEW COLD CASE UNIT

COLD CASES IN HAMILTON COUNTY WILL NOW BE RE-OPENED....

THIS MORNING, THE DA'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED IT'LL BE STARTING A SPECIAL HOMICIDE UNIT DEDICATED TO LOOKING INTO THE MORE THAN 120 COLD CASES DATING BACK TO THE 19-70S...

BEGINNING TOMORROW, THEY'LL PARTNER WITH SEVERAL LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES AND THE T-B-I TO COLLECT EVIDENCE, COMBINE INVESTIGATIONS AND WORK TOWARD FINDING ANSWERS

There's a lot of them honestly. One is too many, but that's why we are going to move forward to see if we can reduce that number.

A LEAD INVESTIGATOR FOR THE HOMICIDE UNIT TELLS US THAT THEY'VE **RANKED** EACH OF THE CASES BASED ON RECENT LEADS

FAMILY MEMBERS OF MURDERED VICTIMS ATTENDED TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE - MANY IN SUPPORT OF THIS NEWLY ANNOUNCED COLD-CASE UNIT...

LIKE VANESSA BUTLER...

HER SON, QUINCY BELL, WAS FOUND SHOT DEAD IN HIS CAR ON SHALLOWFORD ROAD 2-YEARS AGO...

SHE SAYS COMBINING POLICE RESOURCES COULD RESULT IN CLUES TO SOLVING HER SON'S MURDER...

TODAY, SHE TOLD US SHE'S REMAINING HOPEFUL THAT THE PENDING COLD CASES IN HAMILTON COUNTY WILL BE SOLVED...

"It's hard to live on a daily basis, knowing your loved ones is gone and nothing is being done about it, and it's hard."

AS FOR HER SON'S CASE, NO ONE'S BEEN ARRESTED OR CHARGED

CHEROKEE MAN ARRESTED FOR HOME INVASION

A CHEROKEE COUNTY MAN IS IN JAIL TONIGHT ON ACCUSATIONS OF A HOME INVASION...

DUSTIN MILLER WAS CHARGED AFTER A CALL BROUGHT POLICE OUT TO THE PEACHTREE COMMUNITY...

AROUND 8:15 LAST NIGHT A HOMEOWNER CALLED TO REPORT THAT MILLER HAD FORCED HIS WAY INTO THE HOME AND THEN TOOK OFF...

HE WAS FOUND AT HIS HOME WHICH IS ON LAND OWNED BY THE CHEROKEE, SO AUTHORITIES HAD TO WORK WITH TRIBAL MEMBERS TO ARREST HIM...

MILLER'S CHARGED WITH BREAKING AND ENTERING AND IS IN THE CHEROKEE DETENTION CENTER ON A 10 THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND

TWO SEQUATCHIE MEN IN JAIL

TWO MEN IN SEQUATCHIE COUNTY ARE ALSO IN JAIL TONIGHT...
POLICE HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR CODY JOHNSON FOLLOWING A THEFT ON
SEPTEMBER 20TH...

TODAY, HE WAS FOUND HIDING IN THE CLOSET OF JOSHUA JOHNSON...
POLICE ARRESTED JOSHUA AS WELL AFTER OFFICERS SAY THEY SAW HIM
TRYING TO DISPOSE OF ILLEGAL NARCOTICS INCLUDING METHAMPHETAMINE,
HYDROCODONE AND XANAX.....
THEY'RE BOTH BEING HELD IN THE SEQUATCHIE COUNTY JAIL WITHOUT BOND

HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BEING INVESTIGATED

AN INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION HAS THE HAMILTON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

SURVEILLANCE VIDEO SHOWS A SCUFFLE BETWEEN JOSHUA FERRIERA AND
DEPUTIES WHEN HE WAS BEING BOOKED AND PLACED IN A HOLDING CELL...
THE INVESTIGATORS ARE REVIEWING THAT VIDEO ALONG WITH REPORTS
FILED BY OFFICERS ON THE SCENE, WHO ARE STILL ON THE JOB...
hey are, because in this particular case there's nothing that indicates there that they have
done anything wrong, they're just put on notice that you can't discuss this case during the
ia, so right now it's just a matter of looking into, did the officers who might have been
involved, did they behave properly under the policies and procedures for the sheriff's
office

HAMMOND SAYS MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN THE VIDEO ARE POLICE CADETS
UNDERGOING FIELD TRAINING...

JOSHUA FERRIERA WILL BE IN COURT, FACING 11 CHARGES ON MONDAY

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IRONMAN SABOTAGE

THIS WEEKEND CHATTANOOGA HOSTED IT'S FIRST IRONMAN TRIATHLON,
SHOWCASING TRIATHLETES FROM AROUND THE WORLD... BUT IT WASN'T WITH OUT A
BUMPS IN THE ROAD

STILL, THOUSANDS OF FANS WERE OUT CHEERING ON THEIR FRIENDS..AND
COMPLETE STRANGERS...

OTHERS, WERE NOT SO SUPPORTIVE..

THIS IS A PICTURE OF THE OIL ON WEST COVE ROAD IN WALKER COUNTY THAT
SOMEONE PUT IN THE PATH OF THE IRONMAN ATHLETES...

FORTUNATLY, IT WAS DISCOVERED AROUND 7:00AM...BEFORE THE BIKERS MADE IT TO
THAT SECTION OF THE COURSE

no bike rider ever had to go through any oil or any of the absorbant material we used to soak it up.
THE WALKER COUNTY SHERIF'S OFFICE SAYS THE CULPRITS COULD BE LOOKING AT
FELONY CHARGES...

BECAUSE OF THE DANGER IT POSED FOR ATHLETES, AND DRIVERS...

AND FOR THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT IT MAY HAVE

WHILE THOSE TRIATHLETES ARE RECOUPERATING FROM THE BIG RACE-- MANY OF
THEM CAN'T HELP BUT REMEMBER THOSE "BUMPS" IN THE ROAD.

BUT ASIDE FROM THAT, ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS SAY THEY WERE HAPPY
WITH THE WAY THINGS TURNED OUT.

Sunday's competition marked the FIRST ever IRONMAN in Scenic City's history.

We talked to a local race director and PARTICIPANT.. who says it was as good as it can be... for
it's first year.

Chattanooga resident Daniel Lucas says he didn't know what was going on at first in Walker
County.

All he says he says he saw... were riders... with flat tires.

Lucas: I watched as he pulled something out of his tire and when he did, it made that very familiar hiss.

It wasn't until he crossed that finish line that he realized what really happened.

Lucas: There was a little bit of confusion of some of the bikers that were people I knew posted on Facebook that they lost an hour to two hours off their race time.

Lucas was one of the fortunate riders who was able to finish on time.

But he says besides that hiccup, he says the experience was unforgettable.

Lucas: Every single turn of the run was hundreds of people cheering you on and telling you. we're so proud of you, this is such an amazing accomplishment.

But how do IRONMAN organizers like Bryan Myrick feel?

Myrick: We always expect some bumps in the roads and a few little surprises. We got those yesterday but again, we have the right people in place, great cooperation of all local municipalities and responded the best we could.

He shares his thoughts on the first-year event.

Myrick: I think for a first year event, the city came out and showed it's true colors. They represented in an incredible way. Athlete feedback so far has been overwhelming.

Daniel Lucas says while he had a great time... he's not sure if he wants to sign up again next year.. because of all the commitment that comes with training.

But he did say.. he was thinking about it.

THE IRONMAN ORGANIZERS HAVE SIGNED A 5 YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE SCENIC CITY, SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THEM AGAIN NEXT YEAR

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WARNING FOR RUNNERS FROM CPD

ABOUT 7:30 THIS MORNING, THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT WERE CALLED TO A REPORTED ASSAULT ON A RUNNER ...

THIS HAPPENING ON MISSISSIPPI AVE.

THE SUSPECT WAS DESCRIBED AS A BLACK MALE...

STANDING ABOUT 5/8 TO 5/9 AND WEIGHING BETWEEN 180 TO TWO HUNDRED POUNDS...

HE HAS A FLAT TOP STYLE HAIR CUT...

AND WAS WEARING WHITE OR KHAKI SHORTS AND A DARK COLORED SHIRT...

THE CPD SUGGESTS THESE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR RUNNING EARLY MORNINGS AND LATE NIGHT...

RUN WITH A PARTNER OR A DOG IN WELL-LIT AND POPULATED SPACES...

TRUST YOUR INTUITION ABOUT A PERSON OR AN AREA...

ALTER YOUR RUNNING ROUTE PATTERN...

IF YOU DO USE HEADPHONES, RUN WITH THE VOLUME LOW AND JUST ONE EARBUD IN...

ALSO CARRY A CELL PHONE WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES...

IF YOU SEE ANY SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY

OFFICERS HITTING THE STREETS ON TWO WHEELS

SOME CHATTANOOGA POLICE OFFICERS ARE GETTING ON THEIR BIKES THIS WEEK...

THEY'RE TAKING A BIKE SAFETY CLASS THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION...

THE GOAL? TO GET MORE OFFICERS ON BIKES, AND COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC...

THEY ALSO WANT TO IMPROVE BIKER-MOTORIST RELATIONSHIPS, AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS BETWEEN THEM...

SGT. JUSTIN KILGORE, WHO COMPLETED IRONMAN THIS WEEKEND, IS TAKING THE COURSE AND HE SAYS EDUCATION IS KEY FOR BOTH MOTORISTS, AND CYCLISTS...

we as cyclists need to be very cautious of how we're riding and how we treat motorists so they understand the directions we travel.

AND REMEMBER YOU MUST STAY AT LEAST THREE FEET FROM A CYCLIST WHEN YOU PASS THEM IN YOUR CAR

BODY FOUND IN RIVER STILL IDENTIFIED

THERE'S STILL NO WORD ON THE IDENTITY OF A BODY FOUND FLOATING IN THE TENNESSEE RIVER YESTERDAY...

THE CORONER'S OFFICE SAYS THEY'RE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO DETERMINE IDENTIFYING FEATURES...

BILL ROSE IS THE MAN WHO FIRST SPOTTED THE BODY UNDER THE OLGATI BRIDGE...

"I seen something floating down through there and i come down on back here, and there it was upsidedown, floating on down through there."

AUTHORITIES SAY THE BODY HAD BEEN IN THE WATER FOR QUITE SOMETIME...

POLICE SAY RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO INDICATION OF FOUL PLAY

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ESCAPED INMATE

POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR AN ESCAPED INMATE FROM JACKSON COUNTY EARLIER TODAY JACKSON COUNTY JAIL INMATE NATHAN THOMAS CLARK WALKED AWAY FROM A WORK DETAIL AT STEVENSON CITY PARK...

CLARK IS DESCRIBED AS A 38 YEAR OLD WHITE WITH BROWN HAIR AND BROWN EYES...

6 FEET TALL, WEIGHING APPROX. 165 POUNDS...

HE WAS LAST SEEN IN THE STEVENSON PARK AREA WEARING ORANGE JAIL CLOTHING...

ANYONE SEEING HIM SHOULD NOT APPROACH HIM AND SHOULD CONTACT THE JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MAN ADMITS TO ARSON

A HIXSON MAN ADMITS TO SETTING HIS HOUSE ON FIRE, CLAIMING HE WAS HAVING MARRIAGE ISSUES AND WANTED TO KILL HIMSELF...

54-YEAR-OLD WALTER MARKS TOLD INVESTIGATORS HE WANTED TO 'COME CLEAN' ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS HOME ON JUNE 17TH...

MARKS WAS LIVING WITH A FEMALE PSYCHIC READER.

THEY REFER TO THEIR RELATIONSHIP AS A COMMON-LAW MARRIAGE.

ACCORDING TO COURT RECORDS, MARKS TOLD INVESTIGATORS THAT HE SET THE FIRE, THEN TOOK A HANDFUL OF PILLS.

IN ADDITION TO BEING DEPRESSED, HE TOLD FIRE INVESTIGATORS HE IS BIPOLAR

THE FEMALE PSYCHIC READER WAS NOT HOME WHEN THE FIRE HAPPENED AND SHE HAS NOT BEEN CHARGED

PAWN SHOP GUN BURGLARY

CHATTANOOGA POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR THE PERSON OR PEOPLE WHO STOLE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF FIREARMS EARLY THIS MORNING.

LES CANTRELL IS THE OWNER OF LES'S PAWN SHOP OFF HIGHWAY 58 IN CHATTANOOGA...

HE SAYS SOMEONE BROKE THE SIDE WINDOW GLASS, CRAWLED THROUGH A SMALL SPACE AND WENT STRAIGHT FOR THE GUNS IN HIS SHOP...

SURVEILLANCE VIDEO SHOWS MOVEMENT IN THE STORE AROUND 2:15 A-M...

YOU CAN SEE IN THE BOTTOM LEFT, A PERSON REMOVES A CLOTH FROM THE CASE THEN GRABS THE GUNS... THE PERSON IS WEARING A WIDE BRIM HAT WITH A CLOTH AROUND THE TOP

LES CANTRELL SAYS," We don't need those hand guns on the street getting into the wrong hands. We already have enough violence as it is."

CANTRELL SAYS HE'S OFFERING A ONE-THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD TO INFORMATION LEADING TO AN ARREST AND THE RETURN OF THE WEAPONS...

IF YOU RECOGNIZE THE GUNS OR PERSON IN THE VIDEO, PLEASE CONTACT POLICE

INDECENT EXPOSURE AT WAL-MART

A CHATTANOOGA MAN IS IN HOT WATER, AFTER WITNESSES CALLED AUTHORITIES AFTER AN UNCOMFORTABLE SIGHTING...

JEDIDIAH STEWART, SEEN HERE, WAS CHARGED WITH INDECENT EXPOSURE - AFTER WITNESSES SAY HE WAS TOUCHING HIMSELF IN PUBLIC...

IT HAPPENED IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE WAL-MART ON SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ROAD...

HE WAS STILL THERE WHEN OFFICERS ARRIVED...

WE'RE TOLD THE 27-YEAR-OLD HAS SINCE BEEN RELEASED FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL.

JUDGE HANDS OUT SEVERE SENTENCE FOR MURDER

A WHITFIELD COUNTY JUDGE JUST HANDED DOWN A SEVERE PUNISHMENT FOR A MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER...

48 YEAR OLD FRANK SCOTT BOZZIE WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE IN THE 20-13 KILLING OF HORACE RICHARD MORGAN.

BOZZIE WILL ALSO SERVE 20 CONSECUTIVE YEARS FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

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URBAN LEAGUE JOB FAIR

MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED REGISTERED EMPLOYEES VISITED THE URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA...

IT WAS THE THIRD JOB FAIR OF THE YEAR....

ALL OF THE EMPLOYERS AT THE FAIR ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING TO HIRE, AND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS...

ROSIE RUSSELL, WITH THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, SAYS THEY ARE HOPING TO MAKE 150 JOB OFFERS FROM THE FAIR...

we have over 29 employers here all from chattanooga ranging from bilo to walmart to vw and all those inbetween.

URBAN LEAGUE HELPS WITH JOB SEARCHING, AND OFFERS RESUME AND INTERVIEWING CLINICS THROUGH THEIR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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FIRE TAKES OUR CANCER FOUNDATION SUPPLIES

A LOCAL CANCER FOUNDATION IS REGROUPING AFTER A FIRE DESTROYED ITEMS SET ASIDE FOR AN UPCOMING RACE...

SUSAN G. KOMEN CHATTANOOGA LOST T-SHIRTS, MAGAZINES, AND OTHER GOODIE BAGS MATERIALS FOR THE OCTOBER 12TH RACE FOR THE CURE...

FIREFIGHTERS PUT OUT THE FLAMES FRIDAY EVENING AT THEIR LEE HIGHWAY STORAGE UNIT...

ORGANIZERS SAY THEY NOW HAVE TO DELAY GIVING OUT MATERIALS TO PARTICIPANTS...

we have assured them that we will regroup and that we will be doing an all-call for volunteers when we are ready and have a definite time and place for how they can help us participate and get everything ready

5-THOUSAND NEW T-SHIRTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FOR THE EVENT...

NO ONE WAS INJURED AND FIREFIGHTERS ARE STILL INVESTIGATING THE CAUSE

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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

AND FOR SOME STUDENTS IN HAMILTON COUNTY, A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING IS PART OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR...

IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS, THE COUNTY'S INVESTED OVER A MILLION DOLLARS FOR EXPANSIONS AND UPGRADES AT THREE OF THEIR SCHOOLS...

FROM A BRAND NEW FACILITY AT THE STEM SCHOOL TO A RENOVATED COMESTOLOGY CLASSROOM AT HOWARD HIGH...

FACULTY MEMBERS ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW YEAR...

Upwards of 80-90-Thousand dollars was spent this past summer to make sure that our kids have what they need to be successful.

Principal Zach Brown, The Howard School:

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SODDY DAISY'S COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENTAL CLASSROOM GOT A 30 THOUSAND DOLLAR FACELIFT TO BETTER ACCOMODATE IT'S STUDENTS....
THE MANAGER OF CAPITAL PROJECTS SAYS THE ROOMS ARE NOW WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND SOME EVEN HAVE A KITCHEN

ENGLISH CLASSES FOR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

AND IT'S NOT JUST SCHOOL BUILDINGS THAT'RE CHANGING IN CHATTANOOGA....

SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY THE STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC IS SHIFTING AS WELL...

THIS YEAR HAMILTON COUNTY IS WORKING TO ACCOMODATE MORE IMMIGRANT CHILDREN THAT ARE LEARNING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE...

FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE HOWARD SCHOOL HAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE CLASSES FOR ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES...

TODAY PRINCIPAL ZACH BROWN SAYS THAT ENROLLMENT NUMBERS HAVE ALREADY CLIMBED TO MORE THAN 100 INTERESTED STUDENTS...

The make-up is changing from a predominantly African-American students to now we have about 10-15 percent of our population is now hispanics or other.

Principal Zach Brown, The Howard School: The make-up is changing from a predominantly African-American students to now we have about 10-15 percent of our population is now hispanics or other.

PRINCIPAL BROWN SAYS THAT THE SCHOOL MIGHT EXPAND IT'S FACILITIES IN THE FUTURE IF ENROLLMENT CONTINUES TO CLIMB

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TEACHER HEALTHCARE VOTE

HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS CAST THEIR VOTE TONIGHT ON THREE PROPOSED HEALTH INSURERS...

SUPERINTENDENT RICK SMITH SAYS TEACHERS DIDN'T GET TO CHOOSE, BUT INSTEAD THE DECISION WAS UP TO BOARD MEMBERS...

MEMBERS VOTED TO GO WITH OPTION ONE, WHICH MEANS A HUNDRED DOLLAR PREMIUM FOR SPOUSES...

SPOUSES WILL ALSO HAVE TO SIGN AN AFFADAVIT THAT SAYS THEY CANNOT BE COVERED IF THEY CAN GET INSURED THROUGH THEIR OWN ...

"now they're telling us we're not worth health insurance and i'm angry. i'm angry because this is the one perk that hamilton county gave to us and now they're taking it away."

"well somebody's going to have to pay for it. it's either going to be the taxpayers pay it or you're going to have to pay it."

OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS OCTOBER 1ST, AND COVERAGE WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY

NO RECESS

TRACY CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS GETTING RID OF RECESS...

INTERIM PRINCIPAL GLENDA DYKES SAYS STUDENTS AREN'T PERFORMING WELL ON STATE TESTS...

IN FACT, THEY'RE SOME OF THE LOWEST SCORES IN GRUNDY COUNTY...

THAT'S WHY SCHOOL LEADERS DECIDED TO PULL BACK ON PLAY TIME...

"i want to say to our parents that every change that we are making is for the betterment of our students, and we want their student achievement to get higher. we want our teachers to step up and provide a better education for our students so we can prepare them for the future."

THE PRINCIPAL SAYS STUDENTS WILL STILL HAVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION TWICE A WEEK AND A HALF HOUR OF RECESS ON FRIDAYS...

SO THEY'LL BE MEETING STATE STANDARDS THAT SAY STUDENTS MUST HAVE AT LEAST 90 MINUTES OF PHYSICAL EXERCISE EACH WEEK

COPS IN CLASS

OTHER STUDENTS, GETTING A DIFFERENT LESSON...

HOW DO YOU BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN POLICE AND THE COMMUNITY?

SOME SAY IT STARTS WITH A CONVERSATION...

TODAY, DEPUTY JAMES BROCK MET WITH JUNIORS AND SENIORS AT TYNER ACADEMY...

BROCK SAYS GAINING PEOPLE'S TRUST IN THE COMMUNITY STARTS WITH GAINING BETTER RELATIONSHIPS...

DEPUTY BROCK IS A PATROLMAN FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND WORKS AS TYNER HIGH SCHOOL'S RESOURCE OFFICER...

TODAY'S CONVERSATION WAS ORGANIZED TO GIVE STUDENTS A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON POLICE...

"It's inspirational that you have police who care for your safety and your well-being."

"Become their friend, someone they can trust, and let them know that they can talk to me about anything."

THE TYNER HIGH SCHOOL TEENS YOU SEE IN THE VIDEO ARE ALSO IN THE GOODWILL MENTORING PROGRAM

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PAYING ATTENTION TO SPORTS INJURIES

A NATIONAL STORY HAS SOME LOCALS CONCERNED ABOUT ATTENTION TO SPORTS INJURIES...

A MICHIGAN COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACH IS FACING CRITICISM AFTER A QUARTERBACK WAS CLEARLY HURT BUT NOT PULLED FROM THE GAME...

THIS INCIDENT IS RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IT IS TO KEEP PLAYERS SAFE...

WE SPOKE WITH LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES AND ONE PLAYER ABOUT THE DANGERS OF HEAD INJURIES VERSUS STAYING IN THE GAME...

if there's a doubt about should he go or should he not go then you don't go. football is not that important.

i mean it's important, but it's not that important. a kid's life, his livelihood, all that, in the scheme of all things is much more important than a game is

THE T-DOUBLE-S-DOUBLE-A, WHICH REGULATES HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS IN TENNESSEE, REQUIRES TRAINERS AND OR DOCTORS TO CLEAR A PLAYER IF THEY SHOW SIGNS OF A CONCUSSION

She says her son paid 25 dollars for Williams to do his tattoo -- which was her name on his arm. But, now, she says the tattoo has caused an irritation and she's having to pay more money on treatments to heal it.

Williams is scheduled to appear in court on April 21st.

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THE DANGERS IN DETERGENT

Easton Hatfield is 2 years old ...

his mother says on Monday ... he burst open a laundry detergent pod ... and the chemicals inside ... got in his eyes.

"whenever I found him he was screaming .. just screaming crying ... he was wiping his eyes ... just trying to get it out."

tabby hatfield says her son climbed on top of the washing machine ... that's where kept the pods...

she says she read the side of the box ... and then picked up her son and rinsed his eyes with water.

Later she and her husband took him to the hospital.

" they done the test on his eyes .. and they said that his eyes were 80% burnt... in both eyes."

This is not the first time we've heard of an accident involving detergent pods.

Last year ... a Florida infant died after he ate one of the pods.

"these little pods are colorful ... they look like candy .. babies and children especially will get them ...they're pretty tough they are hard to rip open... but they can bite into them a lot, and sometimes they will tear ... from just leaking ... and tear .. and leak out onto the child."

We spoke to Dr David Sparks about .. what you should do if your child gets any kind of detergent in thier eyes

"wash with plenty of water ... continue to irrigate water over it. Try not to scrub or rub ... against it ... just rubbing water over it .. again to dilute out any chemical that is there ... and to wash it off the skin."

Tabby Hatfield says if she would have know this could happen ... she wouldn't have bought the pods ... right now she just wants her little boy ... to get better.

"we just need lots of prayers"

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But families living with loved ones that have ALS want you to know the meaning BEHIND the challenge... is much more.

It's a life-threatening disease... that affects many families nationwide.

It's a 24-hour challenge.. that's taking social media by storm.

It may seem like fun and games to some...

But for those like Kris Jurka, the reality is real

Jurka: When you're in a hospital bed and you're immobile but you understand what's going on. He had a lot of fear, he would have choking problems. Anything voluntary. Using your hands, swallowing.

Just a little more than one year after his ALS diagnosis... Jurka's father, 78-year-old Henry Mikolajczyk (MICK-O-LIE-CHICK) passed away from the disease.

Kris Jurka: I think he also had the rapid part of ALS where it just went so quick.

Jurka says he was an avid bowler.. and loved to spend most of his time, in the kitchen.

But all of that.. was taken away.. after his diagnosis.

Jurka: what other people go through, what the people with ALS have or going through, the things that they lose, (cries) It's such a horrendous disease.

But now Jurka says she has hope for the future.

Jurka: I'm so thankful that maybe all this money is finally going to make a difference. Cause when my mom says 75 years and there's nothing. There's no treatment. There's a medication that make potentially give you 90 more days. But it's an exorbitant cost and ridiculous.

Leaving doctors like neurologist Dr. Nathan Wyatt... searching for answers.

Dr. Nathan Wyatt/ Medical Doctor: Finding treatment is very frustrating. There is only one drug that's FDA approved for ALS and it actually came out in the mid-90s. Even with that drug, the benefits are modest. We find that life expectancy might increase by 10 percent, usually less.
Jurka: I'm so thankful that these people are doing the challenge whether they know what ALS is or whether they don't, it's helping the cause because the funds are coming in. I pray that whether it's a treatment or eventually a cure, it's going to do something.

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OVERDOSES NUMBER ONE KILLER IN TENNESSEE

DRUG OVERDOSES ARE ONCE AGAIN THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN TENNESSEE, BUT THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS HOPING A NEW LAW WILL REVERSE THAT TREND...
TODAY, THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS DRUG OVERDOSES KILLED ELEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX PEOPLE LAST YEAR...
BY COMPARISON, ONE THOUSAND AND EIGHT PEOPLE DIED IN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR AND 405 WERE VICTIMS OF HOMICIDES...
BUT A NEW LAW GIVES TENNESSEANS ACCESS TO A LIFE-SAVING DRUG. NALOXONE...
IT TEMPORARILY REVERSES THE DEADLY EFFECTS OF OPIOID DRUGS, GIVING THE PERSON TIME TO GET MEDICAL ATTENTION...
THE NEW LAW ALLOWS DOCTORS TO PRESCRIBE NALOXONE TO A PERSON AT RISK, OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND

NEW V-A CLINIC IN CHATTANOOGA

A NEW VETERANS AFFAIRS CLINIC MAY SOON BE COMING TO CHATTANOOGA AS PART OF AN AGREEMENT ON A 17-BILLION DOLLAR BILL REACHED IN CONGRESS ...
IT'S INTENDED TO HELP VETERANS AVOID LONG WAITS FOR HEALTHCARE, HIRE MORE DOCTORS AND NURSES, AND MAKE IT EASIER TO FIRE EXECUTIVES AT THE V-A...
ONE-POINT-5 BILLION DOLLARS OF THE PROPOSAL WOULD GO TO LEASING 27 NEW CLINICS...
ONE OF THOSE HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR CHATTANOOGA...
SENATOR CORKER RESPONDED TO THE NEWS TODAY...
HIS OFFICE TELLS US THE SENATOR BELIEVES IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE FACILITY MEETS THE NEEDS OF AREA VETERANS...
HE ALSO BELIEVES CONGRESS SHOULD HAVE THE DISCIPLINE TO PAY FOR LEGISLATION IT PASSES.
HE CONTINUES TO URGE HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERSHIP TO NOT SCHEDULE A VOTE UNTIL LAWMAKERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW A FINAL BUDGET TO DETERMINE THE FULL FISCAL IMPACT THE BILL WILL HAVE ON FUTURE GENERATIONS

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CPD OFFICER ACTS FAST TO SAVE A CHOKING BABY

To neighbors on Foster Street, Dalton Police Officer Michael Houck is a hero.
Dillard: It was like, you're here for a wreck and the next thing you know, someone's running down the street talking about, I don't know what she said but he ended up running down there to save a baby's life.
Houck was finishing up paperwork for a minor wreck.. when he says a woman frantically ran up to him, yelling in Spanish.

He says he didn't get the gist of what was happening, until one of the drivers.. translated.
A 7-month-old baby.. was choking.
He says he ran down the street... where he met the baby's mother-- frantic in her front yard.
Officer: I took the baby from her and could feel it was limp, didn't appear to be breathing.
Dillard: It was blue basically when he got there. I don't know if it had anything in it's mouth but he wasn't until he started coughing.
That's when instinct kicked in.
Officer: I immediately put him over on my arm here and gave him some taps to the back. After about the third or fourth tap, a piece of carrot fell out of his mouth.
As it turns out, the baby is going to be okay.
But the story is still roaming around this hometown street--days later.
Lernice Dillard: I was like, oh my God. I was shocked because most of the time you see something bad and he did something really wonderful.
But Houkee says.. he says he only did his job.
Officer: It was the right place at the right time. If it had been anybody else, any other officer of whatever would have done the same thing I did. Like I said a minute ago, it's instinct. It's what we do.
This isn't the first time Officer Houck is credited with saving a life on the force..
He performed CPR on a man.. who had a heart attack a few years ago.
DALTON POLICE SAY ALL THE OFFICERS ARE TRAINED AND RE-CERTIFIED EVERY YEAR IN CPR AND LIFE-SAVING TECHNIQUES

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RIVERWALK EXPANSION

WORK IS UNDERWAY TO EXTEND CHATTANOOGA'S RIVERWALK INTO THE SAINT ELMO COMMUNITY...

THE MUCH ANITICIPATED EXPANSION IS FINALLY STARTING...

IT WILL GO THREE MILES FROM ROSS'S LANDING TO SAINT ELMO...

THE WALKWAY WILL BE 12-FEET WIDE WITH LANDSCAPING, ART AND HISTORICAL DISPLAYS...

FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDES STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS, LOCAL MATCHES AND DONATIONS

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BEALE STREET CHARGING FEES

LOOKS LIKE YOU MAY HAVE TO START PAYING TO GET ON A POPULAR PUBLIC STREET IN MEMPHIS...

BEALE STREET HAS STARTED CHARGING A \$10 DOLLAR FEE TO USE THE STREET AFTER MIDNIGHT...

BUSINESSES HAVE ALSO AGREED TO SHUT DOWN AT 3:00AM INSTEAD OF THE USUAL 5:00AM CLOSING TIME...

AL THIS COMING AFTER A VIDEO SURFACED OF A MAN PASSED OUT IN A POOL OF BLOOD AS ONLOOKERS TOOK PICTURES...

THE PRESIDENT OF THE DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS COMMISSION FEELS IT'S A GOOD MOVE BUT NOT EVERYONE AGREES...

Paul Morris // President of the Downtown Memphis Commission

"the crowd becomes too big and it becomes a public safety issue because there's just too many people and not enough room to safely move around"

Jeremy Malone

"thats, yeah i feel like theyre gonna lose a lot of people"

THE COMMISSIONER SAYS HE'D RATHER HAVE PEOPLE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE FEE THAN COMPLAINING ABOUT CRIME

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MAJOR WATER LEAK IN PIKEVILLE

SOME RESIDENTS IN BLEDSOE COUNTY SAY THEY'RE BEING LEFT.. HIGH AND DRY.

THAT'S BECAUSE MORE THAN 175 HOMES IN AND AROUND PIKEVILLE-- HAVE LITTLE OR NO WATER.

Pikeville Mayor Phillip Cagle says somewhere along the 25-mile water line, rocks damaged a pipe..causing it to leak.. but officials don't know where exactly the leak is coming from.

Neighbors say this isn't the first time it's happened.. and they're demanding answers from city officials.

Three days.

That's how long folks like Richard Burke say.. he's lived without water.

There's no water whatsoever...

He says.. he's running out of options.

Richard Burke: You can't wash your clothes, you can't take baths, you can't use your toilets. If you do, you're going to have to have some kind of water in order to flush them

He's not alone...

Peggy Davis says she has trickles of water here and there.. but not enough to sustain her family.

Davis: I live on a fixed income and I can't afford to go buy water at the grocery store, you know? But she says what's frustrating to her-- is that this isn't the first time it's happened

Davis: It's pretty aggravating because this has been something that's gone on for years here. I mean it's at different times, especially in the winter. There's been times a couple of winter back that we were without water for two and a half weeks. We would call and there's no urgency.

So we took their concerns to Pikeville City Hall.

Mayor Phillip Cagle says the problem stems back more than a decade.

Cagle: The line was not properly bedded when it was put in. It was put in with larger rocks put on top of them. Over time as they sit there and rub against those rocks, they create leaks. If the job had been done in the beginning like it should be, we'd be great.

Burke: It's not right. I mean, we pay our taxes here too. We pay our water bill.

Mayor Phillip Cagle says his crews won't stop working until they find the leak...but he couldn't provide a timeline on when it would be fixed.

HOWEVER, MAYOR CAGLE SAYS IT WOULD HELP THEM A LOT IF THE COMMUNITY STOOD ON THE WATCH.

IF YOU NOTICE ANY LEAKING WATER IN PIKEVILLE, YOU'RE BEING ASKED TO CONTACT CITY OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY

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STORMWATER ISSUES

THE CITY'S STORMWATER BOARD IS PROPOSING CHANGES TO IT'S RUNOFF SYSTEM...

TOMORROW AFTERNOON CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC WORKS AND THE STORMWATER BOARD WILL MEET TO DISCUSS NEW STANDARDS FOR THE RAINWATER MANAGEMENT GUIDE...

SOME CHANGES MAY INCLUDE INCREASING BUFFER ZONES FOR COMMUNITY WATERWAYS FROM 30 TO 60 FEET...

COUNCILMAN LARRY GROHN ARGUES THAT IT COULD INCREASE DEVELOPMENT COSTS IN THE SOUTH CHICKAMAUGA DRAINAGE BASIN, BY UP TO 46-THOUSAND DOLLARS PER ACRE...

THIS COMING AFTER THE CITY'S BEEN UNDER FIRE FROM THE E-P-A AND THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FOR NOT LIVING UP TO GUIDELINES

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VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

A HEADS UP TO VOTERS...

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION IS JUST DAYS AWAY...

YOU HAVE UNTIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH TO SIGN UP TO VOTE IN BOTH TENNESSEE AND GEORGIA...

TENNESSEE VOTERS CAN GO ONLINE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE WEBSITE OR VISIT YOUR LOCAL ELECTION COMMISSION...

GEORGIA VOTERS CAN GO THROUGH THE REGISTRATION PROCESS ONLINE

NEW RECYCLING BINS

GOING GREEN LOOKS MORE LIKE BLUE...

THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA IS SIMPLIFYING RECYCLING FOR RESIDENTS...

THESE BLUE RECYCLE BINS USED TO COST HOUSEHOLDS FIFTY DOLLARS A PIECE... NOW THEY'RE FREE...

THE CITY SAYS **REGISTERED RECYCLERS** WILL SOON RECEIVE A 96-GALLON BIN TO USE FOR CURBSIDE PICKUP...

THE CONTAINERS SHOULD BE DELIVERED BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT SPRING...

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GET A BIN, CALL 3-1-1 TO REGISTER

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HYDRATING HEROS

COCA-COLA IS TAKING THE TIME TO CELEBRATE LOCAL MILITARY, POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS.

TODAY, THOSE PUBLIC SERVANTS WERE ALL GIVEN A COOL DRINK OF WATER... OR COKE...

THE CHATTANOOGA COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY IS HONORING LOCAL CREWS WITH THEIR NEW EVENT, HYDRATING HEROES...

IT'S COKE, POWERADE OR WATER... TODAY AND TOMORROW, TO ANYONE WHO SHOWS UP IN UNIFORM OR PRESENTS A BADGE...

YOU CAN FIND THEIR TRAILERS AT THE POLICE AND FIRE TRAINING CENTER ON AMNICOLA HIGHWAY, AND AT HAMILTON PLACE MALL FROM 10 A-M TO 4 P-M

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4TH OF JULY SAFETY

THE FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER AND ALTHOUGH IT'S A TIME TO CELEBRATE, IT'S ALSO A TIME TO USE CAUTION...

SETTING OFF FIREWORKS AT HOME IS NOT ONLY ILLEGAL, IT'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN YOU THINK...

HANDS AND FINGERS ACCOUNT FOR 32 PERCENT OF REPORTED INJURIES CAUSED BY FIREWORKS...

AND 19 PERCENT OF INJURIES HAPPEN TO THE HEAD AND EYES...

THE SAFEST WAY TO CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY IS TO ATTEND A COMMUNITY FIREWORKS DISPLAY STAGED BY PROFESSIONALS...

GIVE CHILDREN GLOWSTICKS OR NOISEMAKERS INSTEAD OF FIRECRACKERS OR SPARKLERS...

NEVER APPROACH A LIT EXPLOSIVE, EVEN IF IT APPEARS TO HAVE GONE OUT... IT MAY EXPLODE UNEXPECTEDLY...

ALWAYS CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY IF A FIRE STARTS AND IF SOMEONE IS INJURED BY FIREWORKS, SUMMON MEDICAL HELP IMMEDIATELY.

FIREWORKS CAN TRIGGER P-T-S-D FOR VETERANS

TO MANY-- LIGHTING FIREWORKS EARLY IS A CHANCE TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY.

BUT TO THOSE WHO FOUGHT TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY FREE EVERYDAY-- IT'S A PAINFUL REMINDER OF WHAT THEY'VE HAD TO OVERCOME.

11 TO 20 PERCENT OF VETERANS OF THE IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WARS EXPERIENCE PTSD.

THOSE STATISTICS.. ARE ACCORDING TO THE V-A.

AND FOR RINGGOLD U.S.ARMY VETERAN CHARLES AYARS (AIRES)-- HEARING FIREWORKS ON THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY ONLY BRING BACK PAINFUL REMINDERS OF WHAT HE EXPERIENCED OVERSEAS.

To many-- the sounds of fireworks is a way to ring in early July.

But to others who fight to keep our country safe-- it has a completely different meaning.

'If someone were to shoot off fireworks on the fourth of march, I would probably have a bigger problem with it but I expecting it. I'm not saying I'm not going to have some sort of physical reaction to it, but as long as it's not coming completely unexpected.'

Ayars lives with PTSD.

A condition he says is triggered by loud sudden noises--or on the fourth of July-- fireworks.

"The amygdala in particular. What happens is the amygdala gets overworked in a combat zone and it gets into the habit of its trying to just label anything you see, hear, smell or taste. It's either threat or non-threat. It gets in the habit of any loud sudden noises, it

doesn't matter what it really is, your amygdala is telling the rest of your body that's an RPG, that's a mortar, that's an IED."

Chuck Ayar says he decided to enlist in the U.S. Army after 9-11.

After a few months of training, he was sent overseas to Iraq near Baghdad.

"Our base was mortared continuously. My platoon had 25 guys, we had two killed in action and 16 received purple hearts."

Ayars was one of those purple heart recipients.

He suffered a traumatic brain injury-- after a car bomb detonated.

"I think I may have went unconscious briefly cause I remember my eyes were open when it happened but my eyes being closed and thinking, oh my, someone just got hurt really bad."

Thoughts that will haunt Ayars.. for the rest of his life.

"If I don't see it coming, if someone in another room slams the door or drops a dish, my heart rate's over 100 and I respond with great irritation.

SO YOU MAY BE WONDERING...--HOW CAN WE MAKE IT EASIER FOR COMBAT VETERANS.

AYARS SAYS IT'S SIMPLE.

IF YOU NOTICE ONE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS IS A COMBAT WAR VETERAN LIVING WITH PTSD-- HE SAYS MAKE THEM AWARE OF YOUR FIREWORK PLANS AHEAD OF TIME.. SO THEY AREN'T CAUGHT OFF GUARD.

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A GIFT FOR WESLEYAN COLLEGE

STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS AT TENNESSEE WESLEYAN COLLEGE WILL HAVE A NEW WAY TO APPROACH LEARNING THIS FALL.

THE COLLEGE NOW HAS THIS 92-ACRE PIECE OF LAND IN DAYTON BY THE HI-WASSEE RESERVE.

ADMINISTRATORS SAY IT OPENS UP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCIENCE AND ART CLASSES TO GET A HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN AN OUTDOOR SETTING.

CHATTANOOGA BUSINESSMAN BILL KIL-BRIDE OWNED THE LAND FOR 10 YEARS BEFORE GIVING IT TO HIS ALMAMATER.

Bill Kilbride says, "What i wanted that was going to be different was for it to be a living classroom, outside in environmental sciences and maybe in art, and no telling what the experts in education will come up with for the great use of this property.

TENNESSEE WESLEYAN PLANS TO KEEP THE HISTORICALLY RICH LAND AS NATURAL AS POSSIBLE...

ADMINISTRATORS SAY THEY HOPE TO EVENTUALLY BUILD A SMALL OUTDOOR RETREAT.

NEW STATE PARK OPENS

TENNESSEE'S NEWEST STATE PARK IS OPEN AND READY FOR OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS...

YESTERDAY WAS THE OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING OF SEVEN ISLANDS STATE BIRDING PARK, LOCATED IN EAST KNOX COUNTY IN KODAK...

BEFORE BECOMING A STATE PARK, SEVEN ISLANDS WAS A WILDLIFE REFUGE MANAGED BY THE COUNTY...

IT IS NOW THE FIRST STATE PARK IN KNOX COUNTY AND THE FIRST-EVER DESIGNATED BIRDING PARK IN THE ENTIRE STATE, WITH MORE THAN 160 SPECIES OF BIRDS...

Brock Hill of the TN Dept. of Environment and Conservation says, "Going to give folks the opportunity to come and explore birding, maybe for the first time. Or seasoned veterans of the birding activity will hopefully come here at the right time of the year and see birds they can't see anywhere else,"

MOST OF THE PARK WILL STAY AS-IS, WITH ITS NATURAL BEAUTY...

HOWEVER, THE STATE HAS MADE SOME LOW-IMPACT CHANGES, ALL IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE THE PARK MORE ACCESSIBLE...
A NUMBER OF NEW HIKING TRAILS HAVE BEEN ADDED AS WELL

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TAX-FREE SHOPPING

PARENTS LISTEN UP!
IF YOU'RE ABOUT TO GO BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING, YOU MAY WANT TO WAIT UNTIL THIS WEEKEND...
HERE'S A LOOK AT WHEN AND WHERE YOU CAN SHOP... TAX FREE FOR GEORGIA -- YOU CAN SAVE ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, THRU AUGUST 1ST AND 2ND...
IN TENNESSEE AND ALABAMA, YOU GET THREE DAYS OF NO SALES TAX THIS FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY...
YOU CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS ON CLOTHING, COMPUTERS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND BOOKS

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PHONE SCAM TARGETS SENIORS

ANOTHER WARNING FROM OFFICIALS... PHONE SCAMS...
SENIORS IN SEVERAL SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE COUNTIES ARE GETTING CALLS FROM SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE FROM THEIR LOCAL SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT...
IN RHEA COUNTY, RESIDENTS SAY THE CALLER TELLS THEM THEY MISSED JURY DUTY, AND IF THEY DON'T PAY A FINE, THEY'LL BE ARRESTED...
CITIZENS IN MCMINN COUNTY WERE TOLD THEY'D GO TO JAIL FOR MYSTERIOUS UNPAID FINES ...
ALSO, RESIDENTS IN MEGS COUNTY ARE NOW GETTING CALLS THEY'LL GO TO JAIL IF THEY DON'T PAY FINES FOR FAILING TO APPEAR IN COURT...
AT LEAST ONE RESIDENT OF BRADLEY COUNTY HAS ALSO RECEIVED A CALL... SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS ARE SAYING... USE CAUTION... EVEN ON THE PHONE...
JOHN ARGO SAYS, "If they receive a phone call from anybody identifying themselves as a police officer, or anybody with the government system that sounds suspicious or anything like that, please notify or contact that department itself"
ARGO GOES ON TO SAY NO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL NEVER CALL YOU AND ASK YOU TO PAY A FINE OVER THE PHONE

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MARCHING BAND READY FOR COMPETITION

IN THE STIFLING AUGUST HEAT... THE SOUND OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC FILLS THE AIR NEAR OOLTEWAH HIGH SCHOOL.
NO, IT'S NOT A JOKE...
IT'S THE MARCHING BAND'S WONDERS OF WINTER ROUTINE THEY'RE PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S GAME AGAINST SODDY DAISY.
IN ADDITION TO ADDING MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT TO MOST FOOTBALL GAMES...

THIS BAND HAS BEEN FEATURED IN MULTIPLE PARADES IN THE LAST FEW YEARS... INCLUDING THE MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THREE YEARS, THEY'RE GOING TO COMPETE TO BE ONE OF THE BEST BANDS IN THE NATION.

THIS YEAR, THE STAKES ARE HIGH FOR A SUCCESSFUL COMPETITION YEAR. "Somewhat. It raises the stakes because we have such a legacy of excellence. We want to make sure we carry that on. But it's also an opportunity to add to that legacy and open the door for future bands to get more invitations."

THE FIRST REGIONAL COMPETITION WILL BE SEPTEMBER 27TH IN ATLANTA

SOLDIERS LEAVE FOR A YEAR DEPLOYMENT

127 NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS FROM EAST TENNESSEE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS LEFT CLEVELAND THIS MORNING FOR A YEAR LONG DEPLOYMENT...

THE 252-ND MILITARY POLICE COMPANY WILL GO TO NEW JERSEY FOR A MONTH FOR TRAINING THEN SPEND ABOUT ANOTHER 9 MONTHS IN KUWAIT...

THIS MORNING MORE THAN 400 SOLDIERS FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS GATHERED FOR A SEND OFF...

THESE SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN PREPARING FOR THIS MISSION FOR MONTHS AND WILL BE RELIEVING TROOPS WHO ARE WORKING THERE NOW

WWII SOLDIER HONORED IN CHATTANOOGA

THE FAMILY OF A WORLD WAR TWO VETERAN MISSING IN ACTION FINALLY GOT TO SAY THEIR GOODBYES AT A CHATTANOOGA MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY... ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CECIL HARRIS WASN'T FOUND FOR NEARLY SEVEN DECADES BEFORE A FRENCH HIKER DISCOVERED HIS REMAINS LAST YEAR... NOW HIS WIDOW AND SON ARE ACCEPTING THEIR LOVED ONE'S MILITARY HONORS ... INCLUDING A PURPLE HEART AND BRONZE STAR...

HARRIS DIED AT 19 YEARS OLD ... IN THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE...

HIS WIDOW DESCRIBES HARRIS AS AN EASY GOING, LOVING MAN ...

he'd come up the street and he had two little sticks and he'd beat those sticks together and would come singing. 01:48 i can remember that real good

CECIL HARRIS WILL BE BURIED AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY IN OCTOBER

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BODY RECOVERED ON I-24

WEDNESDAY EVENING, CHATTANOOGA POLICE WERE CALLED TO RECOVER A BODY ON I-24...

TRAFFIC WAS DIVERTED AS OFFICERS LOCATED THE DECEASED WHITE MALE...

THE VICTIM'S IDENTIFICATION WILL BE WITHHELD UNTIL THE FAMILY HAS BEEN NOTIFIED..

WE'LL GET YOU MORE INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE

HAMILTON COUNTY FATAL ACCIDENT

SPEED MAY HAVE CAUSED A DEADLY WRECK IN HARRISON...

POLICE GOT THE CALL JUST BEFORE 9 LAST NIGHT...

THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE SAYS THE DRIVER OF A 2014 AUDI APPEARED TO BE SPEEDING WHEN THEY LOST CONTROL AND HIT A TREE IN THE 6000 BLOCK OF CHAMPION ROAD...

BOTH THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER DIED AT THE SCENE...

POLICE HAVEN'T RELEASED THE NAMES OF THE VICTIMS. THEY ARE STILL WORKING TO LOCATE FAMILY MEMBERS

MURRAY COUNTY FATAL ACCIDENT

GEORGIA STATE PATROL IS INVESTIGATING A FATAL ACCIDENT IN MURRAY COUNTY..

27-YEAR-OLD KATRINA MARIE WHITE AND 44-YEAR-OLD RODNEY ARTHUR PARKER DIED FROM THEIR INJURIES..

INVESTIGATORS TELL US WHITE WAS DRIVING THE VEHICLE..

THE CAR REPORTEDLY VEERED INTO THE SOUTHBOUND LANE OF STATE ROUTE 225 LAST NIGHT, AND HIT A PICK-UP TRUCK HEAD ON

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WILCOX TUNNELL DETOURS

NOW, A FEW TRAFFIC CHANGES TO KEEP IN MIND FOR YOU COMMUTE...

WILCOX TUNNEL IS UNDERGOING MAINTENANCE...

IT'LL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY BETWEEN 8-30 IN THE MORNING AND 4 P-M...

DETOUR SIGNS WILL BE POSTED...

ACROSS TOWN AT JENKINS ROAD, PROGRESS CONTINUES ON ROUTES COMING OUT FROM THE NEW TRAFFIC CIRCLE...

SOUTHBOUND LANES OF JENKINS BETWEEN IGOU AND GOODWIN ROADS ARE NOW CLOSED...

THE DETOUR IS WEST ON GOODWIN ROAD TO SOUTHBOUND GUNBARREL, THEN EAST ON IGOU... TO GET BACK TO JENKINS...

THIS FINAL PHASE OF THE PROJECT SHOULD BE COMPLETE IN TWO WEEKS

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DOWNTOWN CROSSWALK BUTTONS DON'T REALLY MAKE THE LIGHT CHANGE

IF YOU WALK AROUND THE DOWNTOWN AREA, LISTEN TO THIS....

YOU KNOW THE PUSH BUTTONS THAT PEDESTRIANS USE TO CROSS STREETS?

WELL, THEY DON'T WORK... AT LEAST NOT LIKE YOU THINK...

CITY OFFICIALS SAY THE CROSSWALK LIGHTS HAVE WORKED ON A TIMER FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS...

AND THEY SAY SOME PUSH BUTTONS ARE ONLY IN OPERATION OVERNIGHT... CITY TRAFFIC OFFICIALS SAY REMOVING THE PUSH BUTTONS WILL HELP MAKE DOWNTOWN MORE PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY - BUT NOT EVERYONE AGREES...

"Q: Knowing that it doesn't work when you push that button, how does it make you feel?"

A: A little irritated, why do they even have a button, if it doesn't work?"

"One or the other, make the button work or take them down, I would agree with that."

TRAFFIC ENGINEERS TOLD US TODAY THEY PLAN TO REMOVE 70 OF THE 85 PUSH BUTTONS AT DOWNTOWN INTERSECTIONS BEGINNING IN OCTOBER

08.29.14

10P

MEIGS COUNTY FATALITY STARTS HOLIDAY FOR TRAVELERS

A DEADLY START TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND FRIDAY NIGHT...
A TWO VEHICLE CRASH IN MEIGS COUNTY CLAIMED THE LIFE OF ONE
WOMAN...
TWO OTHERS WERE FLOWN TO A HOSPITAL IN KNOXVILLE...
POLICE SAY THERE WERE CHILDREN PASSENGERS INVOLVED IN THE WRECK,
BUT THEY ARE OK...
DEPEND ON US FOR MORE DETAILS AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

CRASH REDUCTION INITIATIVE

LAW ENFORCEMENT REMINDS EVERYONE TO BE SAFE THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND
AND ARE LOOKING TO CUT DOWN ON ROADWAY INCIDENTSCHAT-MIDDAY-VIEW
IN A COUPLE DIFFERENT WAYS...
THE CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SURROUNDING CITIES HAVE
IMPLEMENTED A CRASH REDUCTION INITIATIVE TO KEEP DANGEROUS DRIVERS
OFF THE ROADWAYS...
IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL WILL ENACT A *NO
REFUSAL* ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE DRUNK DRIVING DURING THE
LABOR DAY WEEKEND...
THE LAW ALLOWS OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN A SEARCH WARRANT FOR BLOOD
SAMPLES OF SUSPECTED IMPAIRED DRIVERS...
TENNESSEE IS ONE OF SIX STATES PARTICIPATING ALONG WITH GEORGIA,
ALABAMA AND NORTH CAROLINA...
THE ENFORCEMENT WILL BEGIN TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT AND EXTENDS UNTIL
11:59PM ON MONDAY

SECURING YOUR VEHICLES

THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND CAN ALSO BE A TIME FOR CRIME...
DALTON POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A SERIES OF CARTHEFT THAT
HAPPENED EARLIER THIS WEEK...
DETECTIVES POINT OUT THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE CARS THAT WERE
BURGLARIZED WERE LEFT UNLOCKED, SO POLICE ARE REMINDING RESIDENTS
TO LOCK THEIR CARS AND SECURE THEIR VALUABLES...
IF YOU HAVE TO LEAVE ITEMS IN YOUR VEHICLE, HIDE THEM OUT OF SIGHT OR
LOCK THEM IN YOUR TRUNK TO MAKE YOUR CAR A LESS TEMPTING TARGET
FOR A WOULD-BE THIEF

GOVERNMENT

07.01.14

10P

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BALLOT DISPUTE

THE CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL SAYS THEY'LL PRESENT THE HAMILTON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION WITH A LAWSUIT...
AND IT ALL HAS TO DO WITH THE WORDING OF A CONTROVERSIAL VOTER
INITIATIVE THAT'S ON THE AUGUST BALLOT...
THE WHOLE FIGHT IS OVER THE DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP ORDINANCE.

LAST YEAR THE CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO ALLOW THE PARTNERS OF CITY EMPLOYEES IN DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS TO GET EQUAL BENEFITS..

CITY VOTERS WILL DECIDE ON WHETHER THAT PLAN SHOULD GO AHEAD ON AUGUST 7TH.

BUT AN ISSUE WITH THIS LAWSUIT .. IS EXACTLY WHAT THAT BALLOT MEASURE.. SHOULD SAY.

In one respect .. it boils down to word count.

The Chattanooga City Attorneys' submission.. is 300 words.

Friday, that went down to 15.

This after the Hamilton County Election Commission revised the wording on behalf of an outside group..

Stevie Phillips: It does appear that they've been influenced by outside forces. People with their own personal and political agendas.

Stevie Phillips represents Lieutenant Corliss Cooper--a 27 year veteran of the Chattanooga Police Department.

She and her partner filed this lawsuit against the Hamilton County Election Commission--claiming the revised ordinance doesn't fully explain the law..

Phillips: I don't think our voters will be able to cast an intelligent ballot based on it's language.

On the other side, Mark West says it's fine the way it is.

Mark West: Our language is very clear, very concise, very easy to understand and it simply said are you for it or against it.

But how do the voters feel?

Stephanie Patterson: I mean if they don't give the details then it leaves a lot more room for people to make it into something that it's not.

Kevin Jones: If I saw it all on paper that's what I would prefer.. having that.

But that's not the only issue at hand.

Phillips says the meeting to change the wording was done behind closed doors..

Phillips: The lawsuit specifically alleges a violation of the open meetings act. It also asserts that the language currently on the ballot is in violation of our city charter.

West: They had followed a prior precedent in summarizing ordinances. But this was not just simply summarizing an ordinance. This was actually taking the letter of the law or the actual language from the petition because that's what required according to state law.

Word quickly spread to Chattanooga City Council.

At Tuesday night's meeting with an 8 to 1 vote, the city voted.. to let the judge decide.

Ken Smith: The judge will determine who is responsible for providing the summary and as such, should determine which one is used on the ballot.

NOW WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THESE COMPLAINTS RIGHT NOW.

HOWEVER, WE HAVE THE FULL LAWSUIT POSTED TO OUR WEBPAGE, NEWSCHANNEL9.COM.

THE CITY ATTORNEY SAYS THEY PLAN TO SUBMIT THE LAWSUIT TOMORROW...

I TRIED REACHING OUT TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION ATTORNEY-- BUT WAS TOLD NO COMMENT.

NEW STATE LAWS TO CONTROL METH MANUFACTURING

LEGAL CHANGES WENT INTO EFFECT IN TENNESSEE AND GEORGIA TODAY...

NOW, A NEW LAW TARGETING METHAMPHETAMINE MAKES BUYING LARGE AMOUNTS OF COLD AND ALLERGY MEDICINE MORE DIFFICULT...

TENNESSEE LAWMAKERS ARE TARGETING PSEUDO-EPHEDRINE, THE MAIN INGREDIENT USE TO MAKE CRYSTAL METH...

NOW, YOU CAN ONLY BUY LESS THAN 6 GRAMS PER MONTH, OR 28 GRAMS A YEAR...

THAT'S DOWN FROM 9 GRAMS A MONTH AND 100 GRAMS A YEAR FROM THE 2005 LAW

PHARMACISTS **ALREADY** USE A FEDERAL COMPUTER SYSTEM TO TRACK YOUR PSEUDO-EPHEDRINE PURCHASES...

METH INVESTIGATORS SAY THE LAW ALSO HELPS THEM KEEP TABS ON HOW CRIMINALS ARE TRYING TO WORK AROUND THE SYSTEM

CAPITOL BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET TODAY...

AMONG OTHER THINGS THE BUDGET PROPOSES REPLACING AIR CONDITIONING UNITS FOR SOME PUBLIC BUILDINGS...

ALSO A PART OF THE PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET, IS AN UPDATE TO THE WALNUT STREET BRIDGE...

OR, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW IT, THE WALKING BRIDGE...

THE BUDGET WOULD GIVE SOME EXTRA MONEY TOWARDS REPAIRING THE AVERAGE WEAR AND TEAR ON THE BRIDGE...

WE SPOKE WITH ONE COUNCILMAN TODAY WHO SAYS THE BUDGET WILL BENEFIT ALL DISTRICTS...

THE FIRST VOTE ON THE CAPITAL BUDGET IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 8-TH

07.02.14

10P

CAMPAIGN SIGNS NO LONGER ALLOWED IN GOV'T BUILDINGS

CAMPAIGN SIGNS ARE NOW BANNED FROM ALL HAMILTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

WE FIRST TOLD YOU EARLIER THIS WEEK ABOUT A LIST OF LAWYERS SUPPORTING THE RE-ELECTION OF CRIMINAL COURT CLERK, GWEN TIDWELL...

THE SIGN WAS HUNG BY ATTORNEY HANK HILL, AND LISTED 63 LAWYERS THAT SUPPORT TIDWELL...

WHILE THERE IS A FEDERAL LAW BANNING CAMPAIGN SIGNS IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS...

HAMILTON COUNTY DIDN'T HAVE A POLICY OF IT'S OWN, UNTIL TODAY...

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO BAN ALL WRITTEN ENDORSEMENTS FROM GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

HILL SAYS IT'S A BREACH OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT...

"If you can't grasp the first amendment, which gives us the right to express our opinions and address government, then you can't begin to grasp the really complex ones like the 4th, 5th, and 6th amendment that guarantees your and my individual freedom."

ALL OF THE SIGNS WERE REMOVED FROM THE COURTHOUSE

CITY COUNCIL VS. ELECTION COMMISSION

CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCIL HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY ARE SUING THE HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION OVER A BALLOT QUESTION...

LAST YEAR, CHATTANOOGA'S CITY COUNCIL APPROVED AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND BENEFITS TO SAME-SEX COUPLES AND DOMESTIC PARTNERS.

BUT, A GROUP IN OPPOSITON HELD A PETITION DRIVE TO PUT THE ORDINANCE UP FOR A PUBLIC VOTE.

IN NOVEMBER, HAMILTON'S ELECTION COMMISSION APPROVED THIS WORDING...

OF THE REFERENDUM FOR THE AUGUST BALLOT...

BUT JUST LAST WEEK, CHATTANOOGA'S CITY ATTORNEY SAYS THINGS GOT COMPLICATED

Wade Hinton saying "The hamilton county election commission had an emergency meeting where they made a decision to take away that information"

THAT INFORMATION WAS CONSOLIDATED (SHOW SHORT VERSION) AND HINTON SAYS THE ELECTION COMMISSION BROKE THE RULES BY CHANGING THE WORDING WITHOUT PERMISSION

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NOISE ORDINANCE

CHATTANOOGANS ARE SPEAKING OUT ABOUT THE CITY'S LATEST PROPOSED NOISE ORDINANCE.

TONIGHT-- CITY LEADERS ARE MAKING SURE THEIR VOICES.. ARE HEARD..

The whole controversy started when popular music venue, Track 29 challenged the city and it's current ordinance.. for being too quiet.

For weeks we've heard from both sides.

Some say the new noise levels proposed are outrageous-- while others say.. it's what the city needs.

Tonight after their voices were heard-- city officials have a lot of to work to--before the ordinance is put up to a vote.

Just out of curiosity, if everybody could hold these up if you came in support of the sound ordinance. Thank you.

The City Council chamber was filled with signs.

People holding them -- are pushing for the proposed ordinance.. to go through.

Alison Morris: When the people were in this room and no one was speaking, it was already 50 decibels. We have a crazy ordinance that doesn't work for an urban environment.

Matt Busby: Camp House: I'm really in favor of this new ordinance because it will help guide the growth of our city over the next 10, 20 years by defining where businesses like ours can actually go within the city.

For a chance to speak before the council--residents had to sign in.. and take a ticket.

Green is for it. Red .. against and only one person there had a red ticket. who decided to keep quiet. Developer Deb Royal... she says she's FOR the ordinance.. only IF it's modified...

Deb Royal: At the possibility of allowable 80, 95 decibel ratio, our new ordinance would seem to allow for one of the loudest ordinances in the country. We cannot find a city that would allow 95 decibels. We would like for the allowed decibel ratio to be lowered.

Leaving council members with a lot of work to do.

Anderson: We have a couple of weeks as individual council members to determine what modifications we want. I for one would want to see a base restriction between 3 am and 11 am that's lacking from the ordinance.

The ordinance will be voted on for the first time, at City Council's regularly scheduled meeting, August 5th.

ETHICS COMPLAINT AGAINST LARRY GROHN

A CHATTANOOGA CITY COUNCILMAN RESPONDS TO AN ETHICS COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST HIM...

"what i did was a poor decision, and i immediately took action to take of it."

CITY COUNCILMAN LARRY GROHN POSTED A SIGN IN THE WINDOW OF HIS OFFICE AT CITY HALL...

THE SIGN PUSHED A VOTE AGAINST A REFERENDUM TO BE VOTED ON NEXT WEEK.

THE REFERENDUM GROHN IS AGAINST IS THE DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP ORDINANCE...

THE ORDINANCE WOULD ALLOW HEALTH BENEFITS TO BE GIVEN TO ANY DOMESTIC PARTNER OF A CITY EMPLOYEE.

That REFERENDUM WILL BE ON THE AUGUST 7-TH BALLOT

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SENATOR CORKER SPEAKS OUT ON U.S. STRATEGY OVERSEAS

FROM THE WAR ON A-L-S, TO THE FIGHTING IN SYRIA

SIGNS ARE POINTING TO A MAJOR EXPANSION OF U-S MILITARY ACTION AGAINST ISIS...

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SPOKESMAN SAYS THERE IS NO DECISION YET ON WHETHER U-S AIR ATTACKS WILL STRIKE SYRIA TO CRIPPLE THE ISLAMIC STATE...

ISIS IS DEMANDING 6-POINT-6 MILLION DOLLARS IN RANSOM FOR THE RELEASE OF A 26-YEAR-OLD AMERICAN WOMAN...

TODAY, SENATOR BOB CORKER WAS IN OUR STUDIOS AND SHARED HIS THOUGHTS ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S OVERSEAS STRATEGY ...

"But I do hope the president soon will lay out a clear and concise strategy with objectives and tell us how he's going to help these entities beat back the worst terrorist organization we've encountered as a world."

TODAY, PRESIDENT OBAMA SAYS DIRECT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE AND TO DEFEND

08.25.14

10P

SKY MIMS IN COURT

NOW A LOOK AT SOME OF THE TRIALS UNDERWAY...

THE WOMAN AT THE CENTER OF A HIGH-PROFILE HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION WAS ARRAIGNED TODAY...

ASPIRING MODEL AND SINGER SKYY MIMS PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES OF MURDER AND ARMED ROBBERY...

SHE'S ACCUSED OF STABBING AND KILLING 37-YEAR-OLD D-K (CHODE-HAR-EE) BACK IN MARCH...

MEMBERS OF MIMS' SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY SAY ...SHE'S INNOCENT...

"We just, we want the truth to be known. She's innocent. she's innocent that's the only thing we've got to say thank you"

MIMS' ATTORNEY SAYS SHE PLANS TO PROVE THE PERSON SEEN IN THE SURVEILLANCE VIDEO IS NOT MIMS...

PROSECUTORS SAY THE FACTS WILL COME OUT IN DURING THE TRIAL, WHICH IS SET FOR NOVEMBER 3RD

KISER WANTS A RETRIAL

THE MAN CONVICTED OF KILLING A HAMILTON COUNTY DEPUTY IS FIGHTING FOR A CHANCE AT A NEW TRIAL...

HIS POST-CONVICTION HEARING BEGAN THIS MORNING...

Kiser's NEW attorneys asked the court to overturn Kiser's sentence AND his conviction....

because they SAY public defenders in his 2003 trial were not effective.

Kiser's attorneys spent the morning trying to prove that key evidence--- like this recorded conversation --- was neglected during the last trial.

Mike Herd, On tape: Kiser is not the one. He didn't do it.

On the recording, witness Mike Herd--- who also took the stand today-- told the public defender's office he had information on the "real killer..." But he says nobody ever returned his call.

Defense Attorney, Paul Bruno: It appears that the public defender's office never asked you for your name. At any point did anybody from the public defender's office contact you? NO (Mike Herd).

District Attorney Neil Pinkston questioned Herd's motives-- but chose to avoid a lengthy cross-examination.

After hearing from a neighbor of Kiser's and two more witnesses, Judge Don Poole wasn't ready to make a decision-- continuing the case until October.
THE HEARING'S BEEN CONTINUED UNTIL OCTOBER 20TH.... WHERE THE JUDGE WILL HEAR MORE FROM THE PROSECUTION...
AS FOR MARLON KISER, HE REMAINS ON DEATH ROW IN A MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON IN NASHVILLE

OFFICER TYSON REINSTATED

CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED TO REINSTATE A POLICE LIEUTENANT WHO WAS FIRED EARLIER THIS MONTH.

THE LIEUTENANT WAS LET GO AFTER HE FAILED A DRUG TEST...

Lieutenant Steve Tyson was fired after violating the Cleveland Police Department and the city's drug policy..

Now, after the city council meeting...they are making some changes to their handbook ... and hope the police department will too.

Members of the community spoke in support of Lieutenant Steve Tyson...and his wife, Jill, wrote in a letter to the councilmen, that "in 27 years, Steve has never been off duty."

Others agreed... a stack of letters, and outspoken voices ... all show support for Lieutenant Tyson...

TYSON'S BEEN A SUPER GOOD OFFICER FOR THE CLEVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE'S BEEN A MENTOR FOR MANY MEN THERE. A SPIRITUAL LEADER TOO.

Lieutenant Tyson was suspended July second after testing positive for an unnamed drug....a drug Mayor Tom Rowland mentioned was NOT on their list of prohibited drugs.

HE DAY BEFORE HE CAME TO DUTY HE TOOK A PAIN PILL THAT WAS PRESCRIBED TO HIS SON.

Tyson had a kidney stone...and recurring pain.

Tyson's wife says that he was given one week's notice..and his pay stopped August 18th..that his "good name and character have been smeared."

IN MY OPINION TO EMBARRASS HIM IN THIS SITUATION. IT'S AWFUL. IT NEVER SHOULD HAVE COME TO THIS. THERE SHOULD BE CHANGES MADE TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

A motion was made during the Cleveland city council meeting to revise their drug and alcohol testing policy. It was unanimously approved.

I'M ASSUMING IT. TYSON WILL BE RETURNING TO WORK.

THE DISTRICT 4 RACE IS OVER!

SENATOR JIM TRACY OFFICIALLY CONCEDED TO U-S REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT DESJARLAIS TODAY-- AFTER HIS 38-VOTE LOSS IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY FOR TENNESSEE'S 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT...

THE DEADLINE FOR TRACY TO DECIDE TO CHALLENGE THE RESULTS WAS TOMORROW...

IN A STATEMENT TODAY TRACY SAID A CHALLENGE TO THE PRIMARY ELECTION WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CONSERVATIVE CAUSE, HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS ... OR THE COMMUNITY...

"looked at all the evidence that we had, looked at the election, had to rethink everything and made my decision, i thought people were ready to move on, it was time to move."

DESJARLAIS WON THE PRIMARY, BUT HE'LL HAVE TO DEFEND HIS SEAT AGAIN IN THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION...

HE FACES DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE LENDA SHERRELL AND INDEPENDENT ROBERT DOGGART

A NEW JUDGE NAMED TO REPLACE JUDGE MOSS

THE NEW CLEVELAND CITY JUDGE WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY...

THIS COMES AFTER JUDGE BILL MOSS WAS FOUND DEAD IN A PARKING LOT JULY 18TH.

BARRETT PAINTER WILL BE SWORN IN SEPTEMBER 8TH....

I hope I can follow in his footsteps and be as fair and impartial as judge moss.

HE GREW UP IN CLEVELAND AND CURRENTLY PRACTICES FAMILY AND DOMESTIC LAW

ECONOMY

09.29.14

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LONGSTANDING BUSINESS CLOSING IT'S DOORS

A LOCAL LONGSTANDING FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS IS CLOSING IT'S DOORS FOR GOOD...

PET CARE WAREHOUSE HAS BEEN LOCATED OFF HIXSON PIKE FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS...

BUT NOW, WE'RE LEARNING TODAY IS THE LAST DAY THOSE DOORS WILL EVER BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC...

THE OWNER'S DAUGHTER INFORMED THE PUBLIC TODAY ON FACEBOOK.... DECADES LONG CUSTOMERS ARE LEFT WITHOUT WORDS...

I hate that it's another small business that's going under. it's hard for small businesses. THE STORE WILL BE OFFICIALLY CLOSED TOMORROW

07.29.14

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GIG TANK GIVES ENTREPRENEURS AND INVESTORS A CHANCE TO MEET

ENTREPRENEURS ARE PITCHING NEXT-GENERATION BUSINESS IDEAS TO A PANEL OF EXPERTS IN CHATTANOOGA...

GIG-TANK IS GIVING 11 TEAMS A PLATFORM TO DEVELOP AND HAVE THEIR CONCEPTS HEARD BY EXECUTIVES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY...

THESE TEAMS GOT 15-THOUSAND DOLLARS... AND 12 WEEKS TO DEVELOP "NEXT GENERATION" COMPANIES FOR CHATTANOOGA...

TODAY, THEY PITCHED THEIR IDEAS TO INVESTORS.

WE SPOKE TO ONE STARTUP FROM CALIFORNIA THAT HAS ONLY FOUR EMPLOYEES, AND, USED KICKSTARTER TO FUND THEIR FIRST 3-D PRINTERS... NOHTAL PARTANSKY WITH LATHON 3-D PRINTERS SAYS, "With the ability to go from a computer model straight into a real object in less than a day is powerful and to give that to the next generation is going to be crucial for new ideas"

GIGTANK AND DEMO DAY ARE HOSTED BY "THE COMPANY LAB" A CHATTANOOGA ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS START-UPS

08.29.14

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LIBRARY FRAUD DISCOVERED

A NEW AUDIT OF THE CHATTANOOGA LIBRARY SHOWS SUSPECTED FRAUD.

A REPORT BY INTERNAL CITY AUDITOR FOUND TRAVEL ABUSES OF CHATTANOOGA LIBRARY EMPLOYEES...

THE EIGHT-PAGE DOCUMENT SAYS FOUR EMPLOYEES ABUSED TRAVEL FUNDS, VACATION TIME AND THEN TRIED TO COVER UP THE EVIDENCE...

WITH THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS MISSPENT, THE CITY AUDITOR WILL DO A FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION TO ENSURE THAT DISCIPLINARY ACTION IS TAKEN...

WE REACHED OUT TO THE CITY FOR THEIR RESPONSE TO THIS AUDIT...

CHATTANOOGA'S CHIEF C-O-O BRENT GOLDBERG SENT US THIS STATEMENT:

"THIS CIRCUMSTANCE IS UNACCEPTABLE AND THE LIBRARY BOARD HAS ASSURED [THE CITY] THEY WILL QUICKLY TAKE ACTION BY PUTTING IN PLACE THE CHECKS AND BALANCES TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES."

A SPOKESPERSON WITH THE CHATTANOOGA LIBRARY TELLS US THAT THEY ARE RESTRICTED BY THE **SUNSHINE LAWS** TO TAKE ANY ACTION BEFORE THEIR MEETING NEXT FRIDAY.

WE'LL LET YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS

08.26.14

10P

THE COST OF HOUSING AN INMATE

AN INMATE FIGHTS A DEATH ROW CONVICTION, AND YOU'RE FOOTING THE BILL...

MARLON KISER FACES THREE DEATH SENTENCES AFTER BEING CONVICTED FOR SHOOTING DEPUTY DONALD BOND WITH A HIGH-POWERED ASSAULT RIFLE BACK IN 2001...

MORE THAN A DECADE AFTER HIS ORIGINAL CONVICTION, KISER WANTS ANOTHER TRIAL...

BUT, WITH EVERY ONE OF KISER'S APPEALS THERE'S A DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT TAXPAYERS ABSORB...

THE COST TO HOUSE A DEATH ROW INMATE IS ABOUT 103 DOLLARS A DAY... OVER THE LAST 11 YEARS OF KISERS INCARCIRATION, THAT COMES OUT TO MORE THAN 416-THOUSAND DOLLARS...

KISER'S ATTORNEY SAYS THE HEARING IS AN ATTEMPT AT JUSTICE

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Program	Duration	Frequency	Dates	Time
Black Enterprise Rpt	30 minutes	Sundays	07/01/14-09/30/14	5:00A

Program information:

BLACK ENTERPRISE BUSINESS REPORT brings you the biggest names in business with our Powerplayer interviews. Wealth for Life focuses on personal finance issues. Our Entrepreneur of the Week profiles successful small business owners, and Executive Style features the hottest trends in lifestyle and luxurious living.

Caroline Clarke is an award-winning journalist whose experience spans print, digital and television outlets. In her 18 years at *Black Enterprise*, she has served in a number of key roles including senior editor and editor-at-large, *Black Enterprise* magazine; editorial director, *Black Enterprise Books*; and general manager, Interactive Media, where she helped to run *blackenterprise.com* as well as launch other digital platforms for *Black Enterprise* content delivery, including an emerging mobile platform. In addition, as co-editorial director of the *Black Enterprise Women of Power Summit*, she determined the editorial direction and theme of the nation's largest annual conference targeting African American women executives

Our World	30 minutes	Sundays	07/01/14-09/30/14	5:30A
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Program information:

OUR WORLD WITH BLACK ENTERPRISE spotlights the contemporary African American experience with All Access interviews of today's top newsmakers and celebrities. On the Record discusses the hottest topics affecting African Americans, and our Slice of Life profiles the world's most intriguing people.

Dr. Marc Lamont Hill is host of the nationally syndicated television series *Our World with Black Enterprise*. Airing in more than 145 broadcast markets, the weekly 30-minute program is a mix of one-on-one headline interviews with today's top newsmakers and celebrities, eclectic roundtable discussions concerning the hottest topics affecting African Americans, and profiles of some of the world's most intriguing people.

FOX NEWS SUNDAY 60 minutes **Sundays** **07/01/14-09/30/14** **10:00A**
Program information:

Chris Wallace is the anchor of "Fox News Sunday" (FNS), Fox Broadcasting Company's Sunday morning public affairs program. He also contributes to Fox News Channel's "America's Election HQ" coverage and is based in Washington, D.C.

Wallace interviewed all the Republican presidential candidates during the 2012 Republican primaries. Most notably, he was the first Sunday news host to interview Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who had not appeared on a Sunday news talk show in close to two years. Wallace also served as a panelist in a number of FNC's Republican primary debates.

With more than 35 years of journalism experience to draw from, Brit Hume currently serves as a senior political analyst for FOX News Channel (FNC) and contributes to all major political coverage. Hume also is regular panelist on FOX's weekly public affairs program, "FOX News Sunday."

07.06.14

Peace process permanently derailed in Middle East? Plus, Darrell Issa on IRS scandal

Written by Shannon Bream / Published July 06, 2014 / Fox News Sunday

Special Guests: Amb. Ron Dermer, Sen. John Barrasso, Sen. Bob Casey, Rep. Darrell Issa

07.13.14

Perry, McCaul talk border crisis; Netanyahu, Ross on Gaza offensive

Written by [Brit Hume](#) / Published July 13, 2014 / Fox News Sunday

Special Guests: Gov. Rick Perry, Rep. Michael McCaul, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Amb. Dennis Ross

07.20.14

Kerry addresses Russia-Ukraine standoff, Israel's Gaza offensive; Sens. Menendez, Corker discuss MH17 crash; Sen. Ted Cruz crafts border bill

Written by [Chris Wallace](#) / Published July 20, 2014 / Fox News Sunday

Special Guests: Secretary John Kerry, Sen. Bob Corker, Sen. Ted Cruz, Sen. Robert Menendez

07.27.14

Rep. Scalise talks GOP agenda, border crisis; Benjamin Netanyahu and Hanan Ashrawi on conflict in Gaza

Written by [Chris Wallace](#) / Published July 27, 2014 / Fox News Sunday

Special Guests: Rep. Steve Scalise, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Palestinian leader Hanan Ashrawi

08.03.14

Sen. Rubio on Washington's failure to address border crisis; fallout from House resolution to sue the president

Written by [Chris Wallace](#) / Published August 03, 2014 / Fox News Sunday

Special Guests: Sen. Marco Rubio. , Rep. Steve King , Rep. Hakeem Jeffries

08.10.14

Is President Obama doing too little or too much in Iraq?

Written by Fox News / Published August 10, 2014 / Fox News Sunday

Special Guests: Gen. Jack Keane, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., John Engler

08.17.14

Gov. Rick Perry talks indictment, immigration; Sen. Ron Johnson, Rep. Eliot Engel on US reengagement in Iraq

Written by [Shannon Bream](#) / Published August 17, 2014 / Fox News Sunday

Special Guests: Gov. Rick Perry, Rod Wheeler, Sen. Ron Johnson , Rep. Eliot Engel

08.24.14

Sen. McCain, Gen. Keane break down options against ISIS; Dr. Carson, Rev. Jackson provide insight into Michael Brown case

Written by [Chris Wallace](#) / Published August 24, 2014 / Fox News Sunday

Special Guests: Sen. John McCain, Dr. Ben Carson, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Gen. Jack Keane

08.31.14

How serious is the ISIS threat and what should US strategy be? Plus, handicapping November's hottest races

Written by [Chris Wallace](#) / Published August 31, 2014 / Fox News Sunday

Special Guests: Jessica Lewis, Rep. Mike Rogers, Bill McInturff , Mark Mellman

09.07.14

Mitt Romney on Obama's handling of global issues; key lawmakers discuss strategies for dealing with ISIS

Written by [Chris Wallace](#) / Published September 07, 2014 / Fox News Sunday

Special Guests: Mitt Romney, Rep. Michael McCaul, Sen. Robert Menendez, Katie Ledecky

09.14.14

Will campaign against ISIS unite a divided Congress?

Written by John Roberts / Published September 14, 2014 / Fox News Sunday

Special Guests: Sen. Lindsey Graham, Sen. Jack Reed , Denis McDonough, Gen. Michael Hayden

09.21.14

Reps. King, Schiff on if President Obama's ISIS strategy will succeed

Written by [Chris Wallace](#) / Published September 21, 2014 / Fox News Sunday

Special Guests: Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., Rep. Adam Schiff, D-N.Y., Jim Gray, Joe Trippi, Karl Rove

09.28.14

Is President Obama's ISIS strategy working?

Written by [Chris Wallace](#) / Published September 28, 2014 / Fox News Sunday

Special Guests: Tony Blinken, Gen. Jack Keane, Sen. John Barrasso, Sen. Angus King, Dr. Ben Carson

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Chattanooga Market (Summer Festivals)
Riverfront Nights (Summer Concert Series)
Creative Discovery Museum (Honey Harvest Kid's Festival)
Community Calendar

AUGUST 2014

March of Dimes (Blue Jeans for Babies & MoD Gourmet Gala)
Mud Run
United Way (Stuff the Bus back to school drive)

SEPTEMBER 2014

Chattanooga Zoo (Banana Ball)
IRONMAN Chattanooga
Susan G. Komen Foundation (Race for the Cure)

**T.C.O.B. 30 minutes 4th SUNDAY 07/1/14-
09/30/14 11:00A
(TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS, CHATT. CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE)**

Taking Care of Business

July 27, 2014

Host: J. Ed. Marston & Ron Harr

1st Guest: Rick Wood, VP of the Trust for Public Land

Topic: Organization's 2014 Small Business Award in the nonprofit category

2nd Guest: Charles Wood, Chamber's Vice President of Economic Development.

Topic: Volkswagen's Chattanooga expansion

3rd Guest: Sandra Brewer, Vice President of Member-Investor Services at the Chamber.

Topic: Membership event at the Chamber

Segment 1: Chattanooga Business Roundup

1. Volkswagen Group of Chattanooga will expand its manufacturing facility in Chattanooga, adding an additional manufacturing line and establishing the National Research & Development and Planning Center of Volkswagen Group of America.
2. The Chattanooga Chamber has announced 42 local professionals who will participate in the 2014-2015 Leadership Chattanooga program, a 10-month commitment to leadership development and community growth including group service projects at local schools. This year's participants range from educators to lawyers to nonprofit employees and other professionals from companies including Unum, BlueCross and First Tennessee.
3. The Company Lab hosts their annual Demo Day Tuesday, July 29. On Demo Day, startup teams from the 10-week GIGTANK program will pitch their business concepts to investors, partners, media and community supporters. GIGTANK is a national startup accelerator that helps launch next-generation businesses, this year focused on 3D printing/additive manufacturing, smart grid development and healthcare.
4. Lodge Cast Iron Skillets of South Pittsburg, TN, the last U.S. maker of cast iron cookware, was featured on NBC News to highlight the soaring popularity of the traditional cast iron skillet.
5. The Leadership Chattanooga Alumni Association (LCAA) launches Your Vote Matters, a non-partisan initiative in which LCAA will partner with local organizations and community groups to increase voter participation in Hamilton County for the Aug. 7 election with an emphasis on early voting. LCAA will host a communitywide Your Vote Matters event on Monday, July 28.

Segment 5: Chattanooga by the Numbers

Numbers quantifying Volkswagen's Chattanooga expansion economic impact on our community.

1. Volkswagen will invest \$600 million in this expansion, creating 2,000 new jobs.
2. That means the company's total payroll will grow by approximately \$100 million per year (based on average wages from previous impact analyses).
3. Volkswagen will pay all local school taxes associated with the new investment, adding approximately \$1.4 million each year in new school funding.

4. As the economic impact of Volkswagen Chattanooga's new job creation and payroll ripples through our economy, it will create more than 3,600 new jobs among area businesses with a payroll of approximately \$218 million.

Segment 5: Upcoming Events

The Chambers Annual Meeting on Wednesday, August 20th from 11:30am to 1pm at the Chattanooga Convention Center. Keynote speaker will be Senator Bob Corker and will update the community members on Chattanooga CAN DO campaign activity and the Chamber's accomplishments over the last year.

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August 24, 2014

Host: J. Ed. Marston & Ron Harr

1st Guest: Joda Thongnopnua, WayPaver & Tia Capps, Co.Lab

Topic: Chattanooga's Startup Week planned for October

2nd Guest: Sandra Brewer, Vice President of Member-Investor Services at the Chamber, Alison Lebovitz, and Roy Vaughn, BlueCross BlueShield

Topic: Chamber's recent membership event

3rd Guest: J. Ed. Marston

Topic: Overview his 12 years at the Chamber, hitting the highlights of his time with the Chamber.

Segment 1: Chattanooga Business Roundup

1. The Chattanooga Choo-Choo is set to undergo an \$8 million renovation that will bring in new restaurants, entertainment venues and retail space. A 500-person music venue managed by Track 29 and an all-new venue for The Comedy Catch are just two highlights of this exciting project. Projects are set to be finished in spring 2015.
2. The Chamber's Annual Meeting took place last week with Senator Bob Corker as the keynote speaker. The East Brainerd Council was awarded Council of the Year, and the Chamber presented its first ever Membership Award to the Ooltewah/Collegedale Council for recruiting 18 new Chamber members this year.
3. Chattanooga-based U.S. Xpress, one of the nation's biggest long-haul trucking firms, will boost driver pay 13% to help meet increasing shipping demands. U.S. Xpress currently hires 200 drivers each week, and could feasibly bump that up to 350 or 400 new drivers a week for the foreseeable future.
4. Financial website The Simple Dollar recently named Chattanooga one of the most affordable U.S. midsize cities. Rankings were based on aspects such as median home prices, average rent of a one-bedroom apartment, median household income and cost of living index score.
5. According to officials, 300 acres that Volkswagen is freeing up to recruit auto suppliers to Enterprise South Industrial Park could accommodate 20 more companies employing as many as 2,000 people. This represents a tremendous opportunity for Chattanooga to maximize job creation from Volkswagen's expansion.

Segment 5: Chattanooga by the Numbers

Update of where we are in regards to our CAN DO 2015 goals.

1. The Chamber's current total for directly assisting companies to create jobs is more than 6,600 new jobs with a total payroll of \$705 million.
2. That's 1,600 jobs above our goal of 5,000, and more than \$200 million over our new payroll goal of \$427 million.
3. Progress for total jobs is at 14,753 of our goal of 15,121 new jobs. This is the only CAN DO goal we have not yet exceeded, but as you can see, we're very close.

4. Progress for capital investment is at \$847 million, exceeding our \$500 million goal by \$347 million.

Segment 5: Upcoming Events

The Spirit of Innovation, celebrating Chattanooga's most innovative companies, will be on Wednesday, November 12th from 11:30am to 1pm at the Chattanooga Convention Center. Our keynote speaker will be Jeff Silver of Coyote Logistics. Nominations are open through September 5th.

Taking Care of Business

Sept 28, 2014

Host: Rob Bradham & Ron Harr

1st Guest: Hodgen Mainda and David Martin, Leadership Chattanooga Alumni Association

Topic: Your Vote Matters initiative

2nd Guest: Chamber's Maria Noel and Bonnie Shuptrine, Shuptrine's Twisted Products

Topic: BI-LO's local products initiative

3rd Guest: Ron Harr, President Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce

Topic: Overview his time at the Chamber, hitting the highlights of his accomplishments

Segment 1: Chattanooga Business Roundup

1. Van De Wiele, one of the largest manufacturers of high performing machines for the textile industry, plans to invest \$5 million in a Chattanooga facility that will create around 35 jobs and provide service and support for the company's U.S. operations. The new facility will include a state of the art sampling and development center for tufting, following Van de Wiele's recent acquisition of tufting machine manufacturer Cobble.
2. Chattanooga StartUp Week is fast approaching October 6 – 11. Similar to Startup Weeks held in Denver and San Diego, Chattanooga Startup Week is organized around three tracks – tech, social and creative – and has about 50 events on the schedule including talks from national leaders, live music and workshops. Most of these events are free and open to the public.
3. National Geographic placed Chattanooga among its 2014 Traveler 50: World's Smartest Cities list. Our high-speed internet and scenic beauty helped land us on the national list.
4. The Chamber recently completed an InterCity visit to Cincinnati, Ohio. The trip focused on Cincinnati's best practices in four areas: education, entrepreneurial landscape, downtown development and the arts, and economic development. The group visited and held discussions with various Cincinnati entities including its business incubator, local Chambers, and a boutique hotel with an art museum.
5. Bicycling Magazine recently named Chattanooga one of 50 best bike cities in their October issue.

Segment 5: Chattanooga by the Numbers

Chamber assisted projects during Ron Harr's tenure with the Chamber.

1. Since October 2012, the Chamber has assisted with 23 total projects – that's 18 expansions and 5 new companies.
2. These projects make up an investment of \$844.2 Million and 4,496 new jobs.

3. Expansions make up \$761.57 Million of that investment number and 4,034 jobs.
4. New companies make up \$82.65 Million and 462 of those jobs.
5. Chattanooga CAN DO continues Chattanooga's tradition of public-private partnership with 40% of the investment coming from Hamilton County and the City of Chattanooga and the remaining 60% from private companies.

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