

WCLC Quarterly Issues 2023

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Section 1: Issues

- A. Politics: Activities of our state government officials.
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Section II: Responsive Programs

- A. WCLC News: “Yager Applauds Oneida Infrastructure Grant”** According to a news release, 12th District State Senator Ken Yager issued the following statement about the \$3.4 million grant awarded to the town of Oneida for a water infrastructure project: “I’m very happy to help announce Oneida is receiving this sizeable grant for improvements to its water treatment plant. This important project will benefit all Oneida residents and improve our infrastructure for years to come.” **Broadcast:** 4/1/23 **Code:** 9262 **Duration:** 1:08 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 4/2/23.

WCLC News: “Sen. Yager Files Pay Increase Budget Amendment ” 12th District State Senator Ken Yager and Representative Patsy Hazlewood filed a FY 2024 budget amendment that secure \$16.3 million to increase the pay for Direct Support Professionals, who provide support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The appropriation is a legislative initiative that increases the minimum pay of Direct Support Professionals to \$15 per hour. **Broadcast:** 5/3/23 **Code:** 9231 **Duration:** 1:01 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, 7:04:04 5/4/23.

WCLC News: “House Speaker, Cumb. Co. Rep. Present Gift” As reported by the Crossville Chronicle, County Mayor Allen Foster’s birthday was May 15, and while the gift Cumberland County’s state legislators came bearing at that night’s County Commission meeting wasn’t for him personally, it helped ease his concerns about paying for renovations to the historic courthouse. State House Speaker Cameron Sexton and state Sen. Paul Bailey presented the Commission with a \$2 million check signed by Gov. Bill Lee. The funds are a state grant specifically designated for structural support repairs that were water damaged and put the building at risk of collapse. **Broadcast:** 6/3/23 **Code:** 9262 **Duration:** 1:07 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 6/5/23.

- B. WCLC News: “Putnam County Commission to Vote on Old Fairgrounds Sale”** As recently reported by the Upper Cumberland Business Journal, this evening the Putnam County Commission will hear and vote on a recommendation of approval of a purchase option with E2L Real Estate Solutions, LLC on the old fairgrounds property in Cookeville. The property has been up for private sale since 2021 when the Commission first declared the property as surplus. **Broadcast:** 4/17/23 **Code:** 9211 **Duration:** 1:02 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04 7:04:04 4/18/23.

WCLC News: “Meeting on Proposed Funding for Crossville Rec Center” In a follow-up to a continuing news story Crossville News-First reported that Crossville City Council saw a full house of residents and taxpayers during a special called meeting. They sought to oppose a \$55 million dollar indoor recreation center the Council is considering building on Main Street, a project that the city finance director says could double or triple city property taxes to fund the huge rec center loan. **Broadcast:** 5/4/23 **Code:** 9242 **Duration:** 1:06 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 5/5/23.

WCLC News: “Crossville Council Meets to Discuss Rec Center Design” In a follow-up to a continuing news story, the Upper Cumberland Business Journal reported that this week the Crossville City Council held special called sessions to discuss the construction of a proposed \$55 million recreation center. **Broadcast:** 6/9/23 **Code:** 9252 **Duration:** 1:03 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 6/10/23.

- C. WCLC News: “Rep. Rose Votes Yes on H.B. 2811”** 6th District U.S. Representative John Rose voted “Yes” on H.R. 2811, the Limit, Save, and Grow Act, a bill to raise the debt ceiling that will save

taxpayers \$4.8 trillion over the next decade according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. Rep. Rose released the following statement: "House Republicans have done our job to responsibly raise the debt ceiling in a way that saves taxpayers an estimated \$4.8 trillion and reassures the world that the full faith and credit of the United States is in good standing.

Broadcast: 4/27/23 **Code:** 9232 **Duration:** :45 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04 & 7:04:04 4/28/23.

WCLC News: "Governor's Order Seeks to Make State Key Nuclear Leader" On Tuesday, Governor Bill Lee signed an executive order to create the Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Council. 12th District State Senator Ken Yager expressed his support for the council and released the following statement. "I wholeheartedly support the Governor's initiative to create the Nuclear Energy Advisory Council. There is no better place than Tennessee to advance nuclear energy." **Broadcast:** 5/19/23 **Code:** 9251 **Duration:** 1:04 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04 7:04:04 5/20/23.

WCLC News: "Rose Opposes Biden-McCarthy Debt Ceiling Act" On Wednesday, 6th District U.S. Rep. John Rose reaffirmed his commitment to rein in irresponsible Washington spending and voted against the Biden-McCarthy debt ceiling deal. Rep. Rose made the following statement after the vote: "I came to Congress to stop Washington's reckless and out-of-control spending of our hard-earned taxpayer dollars. The time to do this isn't tomorrow, next year, or next Congress—it's now. This bill continues the spending addiction of Washington Democrats by essentially giving them the blank check they crave and saddles our children with even more debt. The people I represent overwhelmingly asked that I oppose the bill. I could not in good conscience support this legislation." **Broadcast:** 6/1/23 **Code:** 9241 **Duration:** :60 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:0:044, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 6/2/23.

- D. WCLC News: "High Winds Create Outages in Neighboring Counties"** According to the Oneida Independent Herald, High winds created havoc in Scott County and across the northern Cumberland Plateau on Saturday, causing closed roads, power outages, property damage and wildfires. The winds died down overnight, but the clean-up and recovery continued on Sunday **Broadcast:** 4/3/23 **Code:** 9212 **Duration:** :58 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04 .

WCLC News: "Strong to Severe Storms to Impact Mid-South" According to the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center, a Severe Thunderstorm Watch has been issued for portions of Central and Eastern Kentucky and Northern Tennessee, including the Cumberland Plateau and portions of East Tennessee effective until 7 PM Central/8 PM Eastern. **Broadcast:** 5/16/23 **Code:** 9221 **Duration:** 0:40 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04.

WCLC NEWS: "Powerful Storm System Impact KY and TN" A powerful storm system brought strong to severe storms across much of Tennessee and Kentucky on Sunday afternoon and evening. Shortly before 2:30 p.m. the NWS Storm Prediction Center issued a Severe Thunderstorm Watch for portions of Southern and central Kentucky and Middle Tennessee until 1000 PM CDT. Scattered thunderstorms were expected to form along and just southeast of the cold front, then spread eastward/southeastward through late evening. **Broadcast:** 6/12/23 **Code:** 9210 **Duration:** 2:22 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04.

- E. WCLC News: "Cookeville RAM Event Provides +\$300K in Free Medical Care"** A Tennessee Tech news release reported that the recent Remote Area Medical Clinic hosted by the Upper Cumberland Community Host Group and organized by Tennessee Tech University students provided patients with over \$318,000 of medical care at no cost to them. The clinic served 570 individual patients, surpassing the number seen in past years... **Broadcast:** 4/18/23 **Code:** 9222 **Duration:** 0:57 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 4/19/23.

WCLC News: “CRMC Board OKs Renovation Project” As recently reported by the Upper Cumberland Business Journal, The Cookeville Regional Medical Center board of trustees recently approved renovation on two floors of the facility. Both 4 West and 5 West will see significant changes. The renovation seeks to add patient beds to increase capacity. **Broadcast:** 5/12/23 **Code:** 9250 **Duration:** 0:53 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 5/13/23.

WCLC News: “Big South Fork and MEDIC Co-host Blood Drive” The Big South Fork invites the public to attend a blood drive through MEDIC Regional Blood Center, on Wednesday, June 21, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (ET) at Bandy Creek Visitor Center 151 Stable Road, Oneida. **Broadcast:** 6/14/23 **Code:** 9231 **Duration:** :50 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 6/15/23.

- F. **WCLC News: “March Fentress Co. BOE Meeting Highlights”** Earlier this week the Fentress County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting. NewLife 105 News spoke with Director of Schools Kristi Hall, who provided highlights: **Broadcast:** 4/6/23 **Code:** 9231 **Duration:** 1:16 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 4/7/23.

WCLC News: “Recap of May Fentress Co. BOE Meeting” A number of financial items were on the agenda for the May Fentress County Board of Education meeting on Monday night. However, prior to the meeting, a number of Fentress County students were recognized by the Board. New Life 105 News spoke with Director of Schools Kristi Hall, who has details: **Broadcast:** 5/3/23 **Code:** 9321 **Duration:** 1:54 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 5/4/23.

WCLC News: “Oneida School District Changes Enrollment Policy” As recently reported by the Oneida Independent Herald, The Oneida Special School District is starting an application process for new students who live outside its boundaries. And, for the first time, students who do not reside inside the district will not be guaranteed enrollment. **Broadcast:** 6/7/23 **Code:** 92312 **Duration:** :52 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 6/8/23.