

WCLC Quarterly Issues 2023

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Section 1: Issues

- A. Health: Issues of health affecting the local area.
- B. Transportation: Various issues related to local roads and travel
- C. Politics: Activities of our state government officials.
- D. Weather: Weather alerts, warnings, and stories related to weather.
- E. Economy: Discussing economic issues.
- F. Education: Issues related to local colleges and schools.

Section II: Responsive Programs

- A. WCLC News: “Residents in Two U.C. Counties Issued Boil Water Notice”** It was one week ago that a number of residents in portions of two Upper Cumberland counties were required to boil water prior to using it. According to WSMV-TV News, on the morning of Tuesday, June 27th, emergency officials issued a boil water notice was been for areas of Overton and Pickett counties. The notice followed a “problem” at a water treatment plant. **Broadcast:** 7/4/23 **Code:** 9221 **Duration:** :51 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 7/5/23.

WCLC News: “CRMC Earns Gold Seal” Cookeville Regional Medical Center has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval for Primary Stroke Centers. The Gold Seal of Approval represents symbols of quality from their respective organizations. Cookeville Regional has held the Gold Seal of Approval since 2019. **Broadcast:** 8/11/23 **Code:** 9252 **Duration:** 1:12 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, 7:04:04 8/12/23.

WCLC News: “Water Contact Advisory for Clay County” On Thursday the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation issued an advisory telling the public to avoid contact with Trace Creek and Wilson Branch in Clay County due to pathogens in the water. The water contact advisory is issued for Trace Creek from the Old Gamaliel Road bridge to the Max Bean Road bridge. **Broadcast:** 9/8/23 **Code:** 9251 **Duration:** :53 **Airing:** 12:04:04,16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 9/9/23.

- B. WCLC News: “Several Road Construction Projects in Cumberland County”** As recently reported by the Crossville Chronicle, a number of Cumberland County roads have been facing construction and repair projects in the past few months, from roundabout construction on Hwy. 70 E to paving, drainage, grading and bridge construction on Hwy. 127. At the June 13 environmental committee meeting, Stanley Hall, the county’s road superintendent, gave the County Commission an update about the ongoing road work. **Broadcast:** 7/4/23 **Code:** 9222 **Duration:** 1:04 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04 7:04:04 7/5/23.

WCLC News: “Update on Scott County Road Project” The Oneida Independent Herald reported that the State Dept. of Transportation’s road construction project at Oak Grove has been completed. Contracted to Huntsville-based Twin K Construction, the road project added a right-turn-only lane to the southbound side of Alberta Street at the Oak Grove intersection. **Broadcast:** 8/7/23 **Code:** 9212 **Duration:** 1:05 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04,17:04:04, & 7:04:04 8/8/23.

WCLC News: “Bridge Replacement to Begin in Crossville ” According to a news release from the State Department of Transportation, contract crews will close a portion of Hwy. 70 in Crossville to replace the Obed River Bridge beginning Monday, September 11. The bridge will remain closed for 13 months as the contractor will be demolishing the old bridge and constructing a new one in its place. **Broadcast:** 9/8/23 **Code:** 9253 **Duration:** :56 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 9/9/23.

- C. WCLC News: “Yager Appointed to New Council”** 12th District State Senator Ken Yager has been appointed to the newly created Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Council by Lt. Governor Randy McNally, who receives one appointment to the board. Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Council, which will seek to build upon the state’s legacy in nuclear innovation and drive continued investment to create a nuclear energy ecosystem for the future of Tennessee. **Broadcast:** 7/12/23 **Code:** 9231 **Duration:** 1:04 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04 & 7:04:04 7/13/23.

WCLC News: “Cookeville Commission OK’s Grant Application” According to the Upper Cumberland Business Journal, Putnam County Mayor Randy Porter was recently given the green light by the County Commission to apply for an SIA grant with the Tennessee Department of Transportation. The grant would help fund an access road off highway 56 near Baxter making it easier to access proposed businesses looking to fill the space. **Broadcast:** 8/23/23 **Code:** 9232 **Duration:** :54 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04 7:04:04 8/24/23.

WCLC News: “Speaker Announces Safety Grants for Area Counties” According to the Upper Cumberland Business Journal, Tennessee House Speaker Cameron Sexton announced \$357,522 in Highway Safety Grant funding for agencies in Cumberland and Putnam Counties. The funds will promote safety on local roadways, curb instances of drunken driving and improve safety coordination efforts between agencies across the Upper Cumberland region. **Broadcast:** 9/14/23 **Code:** 9241 **Duration:** :50 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:0:044, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 10/15/23.

- D. WCLC News: “Two East Tennessee Counties “Abnormally Dry”** According to the Oneida Independent Herald, although there has been an abundance of rainfall in recent weeks, the U.S. Drought Monitor has kept Scott and Morgan counties in an “abnormally dry” classification again. **Broadcast:** 7/7/23 **Code:** 9252 **Duration:** 0:45 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04 and 17:04:04 7/8/23.

WCLC News: “Heat Wave to Impact Southeast” The National Weather Service office in Nashville is urging residents to take precautions during the heat wave that will impact much of the Southeast this week. A heat wave is a period of abnormally hot weather generally lasting more than two days and can occur with or without high humidity. **Broadcast:** 8/21/23 **Code:** 9211 **Duration:** 1:05 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04 and 17:04:04 8/22/23

WCLC NEWS: “Area Counties Part of Disaster Declaration” Governor Bill Lee has announced the approval of his federal disaster declaration request, making recovery assistance available to 10 counties as a result of the severe weather, straight-line winds, and tornadoes on August 7, 2023. The counties in the New Life 105 listening area included in FEMA’s Major Disaster Declaration are Cumberland and Roane. **Broadcast:** 9/28/23 **Code:** 9241 **Duration:** :39 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04 and 17:04:04 9/29/23.

- E. WCLC News: “TTU Initiative Helps Reduce Amount of Distressed Counties”** According to a TTU news release, last week Governor Bill Lee announced that the number of distressed counties in the state has reduced to eight, the fewest in Tennessee history - a feat that was made possible in part through the collaboration and support of Tennessee Tech University's Rural Reimagined initiative. Distressed counties rank among the 10 percent most economically distressed counties in the nation. **Broadcast:** 7/03/23 **Code:** 9212 **Duration:** 1:14 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 7/04/23.

WCLC News: “Annual Hwy. 127 Sale to Begin” August has arrived which means it’s time for the annual Highway 127 Corridor Sale. The event is headquartered at the Fentress County Chamber office. New Life 105 News spoke with Chamber Executive Director Jacob Rosenbaum, who had these comments: **Broadcast:** 8/3/23 **Code:** 9240 **Duration:** 1:24 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 8/4/23.

WCLC News: “Latest Fentress County Economic Report” One of the many functions of the Fentress County Chamber of Commerce is to help stimulate the local economy. Chamber Executive Director Jacob Rosenbaum provided highlights of the most recent county economic report: **Broadcast:** 9/13/23 **Code:** 9230 **Duration:** 1:57 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 9/14/23.

F. WCLC News: “PRG Grants for Area Schools” The Tennessee Department of Education announced over \$2.6 million in Perkins Reserve Grant grant funds have been awarded to 32 school districts for the 2023-24 school year to support Career and Technical Education across the state...grant award recipients included these schools in the New Life 105 listening area: Alvin C. York Institute, \$50,000; Cumberland County Schools, \$200,000; Overton County Schools, \$50,000; Putnam County Schools, \$50,000 and Roane County Schools, \$50,000. **Broadcast:** 7/5/23 **Code:** 9231 **Duration:** :56 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04, 17:04:04, & 7:04:04 7/6/23.

WCLC News: “Roane State to Launch New Program” According to WVLT-TV News, Roane State Community College plans to launch a new Nuclear Technology Program thanks to a \$100,000 contribution from UT-Battelle, LLC, which manages and operates Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) for the US Department of Energy. **Broadcast:** 8/3/23 **Code:** 9242 **Duration:** :42 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04,17:04:04, & 7:04:04 8/4/23.

WCLC News: “TTU Again Offering Free Undergraduate Applications” According to the Upper Cumberland Business Journal, for the second year in a row, Tennessee Tech University is making it easier for rising high school seniors and transfer students to become Golden Eagles by offering free application month during September. **Broadcast:** 9/7/23 **Code:** 9232 **Duration:** 0:48 **Airing:** 12:04:04, 16:04:04,17:04:04, & 7:04:04 9/8/23.