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Description of program broadcast on this station providing the most significant treatment of community issues during the quarter beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2023. Specific descriptions of programming which addresses the issues is attached.

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Economy

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
Issues Chattanooga	1/15/23	4:45am	15:00	James Howard had the opportunity to talk about the career in broadcast in schools. He talked about all the difference opportunities there are in this career and how to get a start in this career.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/17/23	8:00am	1:00	Eggs were 60% higher in December of 2022 then the year before, that's according to CNN. In Chattanooga a 12 carton of eggs ranges an average of \$5 to \$6. It's leaving some Chattanooga residents to scrambling to find alternatives to their traditional eggs shopping. According to NPR 50 million birds died in 2022 from the deadliest bird flu in history.
Alt. 98.7 News	2/15/23	7:00am	1:00	Chattanooga Volkswagen supplier has filed a notice saying it will be closing its doors and laying off more than 150 workers. They submitted a warning notice back on February 6th saying layoffs will be complete by May 20th. The Southeast local workforce development area rapid response team has been notified about the move. It has been a supplier for Volkswagen since 2011.
Alt. 98.7 News	2/21/23	6:00am	1:00	The "Do Not Call" program in Tennessee could soon prevent telemarketers from texting residents as well. Tennessee lawmakers say texting is the way telemarketers are getting around the "Do Not Call" list. Sponsor of the bill representative William Lamberth says it's something he's struggled with personally. Even though the bill is back by republications, democratic lawmakers say it's a struggle across the state.
Alt. 98.7 News	3/1/23	8:00am	1:00	117 million dollars has been allocated from the U.S. Department of Treasury to support small business growth in Tennessee. "Fund Tennessee" is a statewide funding program with three groups invest Tennessee for equity, lend Tennessee for a loan debt program and assist Tennessee for technical assistance for small businesses. Commissioner Stuart McWhorter says "Fund Tennessee" provides access to resources for small businesses. Commissioner Stuart McWhorter says "Fund Tennessee" provides access to resources for small businesses to get back on their feet after the pandemic.
Alt. 98.7 News	3/14/23	7:00am	1:00	More than 100 workers in Chattanooga are expected to lose their jobs after "National Seating and Mobility" filed a notice with the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The Shallowford Road business filed with the state agency on March 2nd. According to the notice

layoffs will start in about two weeks and end in late July. The Southeast local workforce development board will be responsible for the follow ups with workers impacted by lay offs.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/16/23 6:00am 1:00 Catoosa County
officials broke ground on a new industrial park that they say will create more than 500 jobs. Cloud Springs I-75 Park will be right off 75 near the Georgia-Tennessee State line. The county tells us the goal of the park is to attract advanced manufacturing, research and development and other tech related businesses.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/24/23 8:00am 1:00 Gas prices are
remaining stable as we continue into the week. The average cost for a gallon of gas in the united states rounds up to 3 dollars and 44 cents Wednesday. That's the same as Tuesday but its 3 cents lower than a week ago. Tennessee is averaging \$3-10 per gallon just slightly below the national average.

Education

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
Alt. 98.7 News	1/10/23	6:00am	1:00	The Hamilton County Schools disciplinary committee is concerned about a small number of students disrupting classes for a majority of students across the county. School board member Rhona Thurman gave an example saying that sometimes disciplinary action does nothing but undermine the authority of the teacher. Teachers do their best to teach a class while students are actively disrupting it, because they know sending them to the office will result in nothing. HCS report on bullying cases in 2021 and 2022 have jumped by over 40% compared to before the pandemic.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/12/23	8:00am	1:00	Tennessee lawmakers started the year with a few new legislations, one of them allowing for more guns in schools. Representative Jay Reedy filed HB0041 which would permit teachers to carry concealed guns on campus. This law would amend sections of the Tennessee code for weapon possession on school property. This comes shortly after a six year old boy in Virginia shot his teacher in the chest. Lawmakers will reconvene next week for their annual legislative session.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/16/23	7:00am	1:00	Several schools across our viewing area are closed today in observation of MLK day. In Tennessee Bradley County Schools, Cleveland City Schools, McMinn County Schools as well as Rhea County Schools are all closed today. In Georgia, Murray County Schools and Whitfield County are closed today as well.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/17/23	7:00am	1:00	School board members aren't talking after we uncovered protocol lapses in the hiring of a private security company at Brainerd High School. This all came to light after a student says he was in an altercation with a guard from Bigfoot Security. Our open records request shows that Brainerd's principal was still asking district officials how to private security company. This came after a student says he was in an altercation with a guard from Bigfoot Security. Our open records request shows that Brainerd's principal was still asking district how to properly high Josephus Reed and his company Big Foot Security when they were already stationed at the school's doors state records show Reed was denied a security license for lying about his criminal background and told not to practice private security at all. We contacted every school board member to see if any changes in protocol could come up at this week's school board member. No one wanted to address the issue specifically with Larry Grohn telling us they expect an update from the Superintendent before Thursday

Alt. 98.7 News 1/17/23 8:00am 1:00 The University of Alabama says basketball player Darius Miles is now off the team after police charged him in a deadly shooting near campus. The Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's officer says the victim was shot inside a vehicle. Investigators think the shooting followed an argument between the suspects and victim near the school.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/20/23 6:00am 1:00 Police arrested a Cleveland Middle School student yesterday for bringing a weapon to school. That's according to a release from the school system. It says a student reported the weapon after a classmate showed it to them. That classmate is now in custody at the Bradley County Juvenile Center.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/25/23 7:00am 1:00 Two Tennessee lawmakers are sponsoring bills that create free meals for students. Senator Adam Lowe of Calhoun and representative Kevin Raper of Cleveland both put the bills forward in Their chambers. The bill would have each school board create a breakfast and lunch program providing the meals for free to students. The school districts would be reimbursed by the state after each district uses up federal funds under the National School Lunch Act and Child Nutrition Act. If the bill is passed the service would go into effect for the 2023-2024 school year and each year after.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/26/23 8:00am 1:00 A new contract addition aims to help with hiring substitute teachers in Hamilton County. Permanent substitutes in Hamilton County had to work 5 days a week to receive their weekly bonus. If they missed even one day they'd miss out. After reporting and concerns from substitutes the district added an addendum to the contract with the sub staffing company. One substitute we spoke with says it's something she's been waiting on but adds there's still work to be done.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/2/23 6:00am 1:00 More frustration and fallout from that private security firm hired to work at Brainerd High School. We learned from Hamilton County's Department of Education that Dr. Crystal Sorrells did not have the district's permission to hire that security team. Wednesday one community member spoke out in support of Sorrells decision. Ladarius Price who works with young people in the community spoke at yesterday's commission meeting. Price claims Principal Sorrells was put in an impossible situation and was filling a gap in the school's security.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/2/23 7:00am 1:00 The State of Tennessee wants to expand higher education opportunities for those with disabilities. On Wednesday the commissioner of the department of intellectual and developmental disabilities

visited UTC and Chattanooga State to talk about expending the Tennessee Believes program. Chatt State already has inclusive options but the community college says they now want to create expanded opportunities for those with special needs on their campus.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/9/23 6:00am 1:00 During Monday night's state of the state address Governor Bill Lee announced a new budget proposal to boost teacher starting pay from 42 thousand to 50 thousand. This change would take place gradually over the next four years and would require an additional 125 million dollars in funding. That's expected to come through the state's new funding formula TISA.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/13/23 8:00am 1:00 Hamilton County Schools say they want a greater focus on the well being of your children when at their schools. Thursday night the Hamilton County Department of Education held it's "State of System" address. School superintendent doctor Justin Robertson outlined a new plan which aims to drastically improve how the system operates. Doctor Robertson outlined a new plan which aims to drastically improve how the system operates. Doctor Robertson says when the well being of the student is prioritized the outcome will be great students students graduating and ready to take the next step.

Issues Chattanooga 2/19/23 4:45am 15:00 Linda Moss Mine discussed the honoring of the thousands of Veterans in the Chattanooga area. She discussed the sacrifices these men and their families made during that time. She also reminded us of the importance they have played in people's lives throughout the years since the war.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/20/23 7:00am 1:00 The Hamilton County School Board voted not to move forward with an alternative proposal to Tennessee's 3rd grade retention law Thursday. Currently if children do not pass the english portion of the T-CAP test, they'll get held back. The proposal would've let school districts to make their retention decisions for students. Six votes were need to pass the resolution. The resolution failed in a 5-3 vote.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/21/23 6:00am 1:00 After just one year the principal at East Hamilton Middle School says she's leaving her job. Kristin Childs faced criticism after series of violent incidents at the school. Data from the Tennessee Department of Education shows the school had an 11% in school suspension rate in 2021. That's double the district and state's rate of 5%. School board member Joe Wingate and Superintendent Justin Robertson recently held a meeting with parents to talk about potential changes to school safety.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/23/23 7:00am 1:00 Six Pikeville
Elementary teachers have been fired after an affidavit reveals details on the treatment of two students with special needs. Cloe Frizzell and Shelia Schmidt were arrested last week and later released on a 75 hundred dollar bond according to the Bledsoe County Sheriff's office. The affidavits say Frizzel threw a student to the ground while Schimdt grabbed a student by her hair and dragged her across the room to put her in a chair. Besides Frizzel and Schmidt there were four other employees who were fired.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/23/23 8:00am 1:00 A new bill in
Tennessee would effectively ban access to TIKTOK on college campuses. Senate Bill 8-34 would prohibit a college or university that provides internet access to allow users to access video platforms that are headquartered outside of the U.S. According to the bill's fiscal vote the Tennessee Board of Regents as well as the University of Tennessee System uses video platforms that are based outside the country. The senate version of the bill is expected to go before the senate education committee today.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/24/23 6:00am 1:00 U.S. Senator Bill
Hagerty will be in Hamilton County today. The senator says he'll make stops in Chattanooga, Apison and Dayton. He's expected to meet with local business leaders and tour different manufacturing plants here including the Nokian Tyre Plant.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/3/23 7:00am 1:00 Tennessee governor
Bill Lee will be in Chattanooga today. According to a release he'll be visiting Chatt State's College of Applied Technology as well as Chatt Prep Academy. We will keep you updated throughout the day on air and online.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/6/23 8:00am 1:00 A Tennessee bill
would remove a cap on the number of children allowed in a Tennessee class and give districts free reign to increase the teacher student ratio for their schools. Changes were made to the bill after teachers said it was unattainable. We spoke with the sponsor of the bill Tennessee Senator Jon Lundberg who says a new amendment gives districts the ability to ask for special permission on a case by case basis.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/23/23 6:00am 1:00 A first grade teacher
in Hamilton County has been indicted on child sexual abuse charges according to the Hamilton County sheriff's office. Duane Sanders is now suspended without pay while police and the DA

investigate possible sex crimes against several young students at “Wallace A. Smith” Elementary. Sanders is expected to be in court next Wednesday, March 29th.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/23/23 7:00am 1:00 Tennessee Lieutenant Governor, Randy McNally was granted a vote of confidence by the senate republican caucus this week. This vote comes after controversy following McNally Commenting on Instagram posts that were of a man in his underwear. Tennessee State Representative, Todd Warner of Chapel Hill called on him to resign and even requested the TBI investigate McNally. The Lieutenant Governor has said his comments were meant for encouragement.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/24/23 6:00am 1:00 Law enforcement officers will not be able to restrain students with special needs in Tennessee. That’s after a bill calling for the change failed in a state house committee. That means only student resource officers can use handcuffs on those students. State lawmaker Greg Martin says he was happy to open the conversation for the Hamilton County School Board attorney and the state.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/28/23 8:00am 1:00 A fraternity chapter on The University of Tennessee Knoxville campus was issued a lengthy suspension. The Tennessee Alpha Chapter of “Sigma Phi Epsilon” has been suspended for 4 years. All individuals living in the on-campus house must move out by April 3rd. According to the university’s conduct log, violations include alcohol, drugs and drug paraphernalia related reports.

Crime

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
Alt. 98.7 News	1/4/23	6:00am	1:00	We are learning new information about the man police officials say led police on a chase and died in a shootout last week. A report from the Catossa County Sheriff's office says Damean Jones asked someone at the Dixie Motel for a ride. The say he eventually drove off in that vehicle. Officials in Hamilton County told us the chase started in North Georgia and ended in downtown Chattanooga. Hamilton County Sheriff's Office told us the chase ended in a shootout with Jones dead and a deputy injured.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/5/23	7:00am	1:00	Collegedale Police say several mailboxes at the Ooltewah post office were vandalized. A car was also damaged. Collegedale police tell us that no was injured and it is an active investigation at this times.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/5/23	8:00am	1:00	The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Chattanooga Police identified the deputies and officers involved in a shootout following a chase last Thursday. Sheriff Austin Garrett says the suspect Damean Jones got out o his car and pointed a weapon at law enforcement prior to the shootout. The three deputies are Detective Jeremy Vandergriff, who Garrett says was the deputy Jones shot, Corporal Chris Walker and Civil Process Server Jason Cooper. CPD says the two officers who opened fire are officer Ryan Blevin and Investigator Brian McClard. All those involved people are on leave with pay. Damean Jones died in the shootout.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/5/23	8:00am	1:00	Chattanooga police say a suspect wanted for robbery hid inside a home causing a standoff. It happened yesterday afternoon at house on Tunnel Hill Boulevard. PCD says they were responding to a shots fired call near the home, stopped three suspects and learned the suspect with the warrants was inside. CPD says the suspect was known to be armed in the past so they took precautions to negotiate him coming out. Officials tell us the suspect is a minor so they will not be releasing his name.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/9/23	6:00am	1:00	Two people were hospitalized after a shooting in Chattanooga. According to the Chattanooga Police Department it happened Saturday afternoon off Hughes Avenue. Police say a man was looking for his stolen car when he located it and approached what he thought was the vehicle. CPD says that man was shot and took himself to the hospital. A short time later, police were notified of a second victim who was dropped off at a local hospital by vehicle matching the stolen vehicle. Both victims have non-life threatening injuries. The investigation is ongoing.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/10/23 7:00am 1:00 A man is suing Hamilton County and former Sheriff Jim Hammond saying the conditions he was under at Silverdale Correctional Facility were like a “tent city for the homeless.” In the lawsuit, Ervin Moore claims other inmates hurt him when he was placed in the wrong compound. It also says the his room had multiple issues including mold that aggravated his asthma. This follows several lawsuits involving Silverdale that cite violent incidents we’ve covered in the past. Moore is suing for damages in multiple categories that will all be determined at a trial.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/17/23 8:00am 1:00 A Rhea County man who was convicted of sexual battery in May is back in jail once again after being released. The mother of the victim in the crime says she noticed Robert Thurman was out jail when she found him on the sex offender registry. She says she called the DA’s office who told her the release was mistake. Rhea County Sheriff Mike Neal says the Tennessee Department of Corrections told them to release Thurman. He walked out of jail on December 22nd. Online records show he was booked again on January 13th. The Tennessee Department of Corrections tells us they are digging deeper into what happened.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/19/23 6:00am 1:00 The Catoosa County Sheriff’s Office needs your help. Officials say a woman used a forged check to purchase multiple gift cards at the Neighborhood Walmart on Battlefield Parkway. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Rebecca Jordan with the Catoosa County Sheriff’s Office.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/19/23 7:00am 1:00 Chattanooga Police are looking for a missing man. They say Amon Grace was last seen on December 27 of last year. They say he was involved in a domestic situation with his parents and left the home. Police say he may be driving back and forth between Georgia and Tennessee.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/20/23 6:00am 1:00 Online court records show that the attorney on Dustin Spillers the former youth pastor and Wolfcreek Elementary PTA President charged with child molestation and aggravated sexual battery has filed on Wednesday argues that Spillers “poses non significant risk of flight”. It also says that he “poses no significant threat or danger ti any person, property or the community”. The judge has yet to rule on the petition

Alt. 98.7 News 1/20/23 8:00am 1:00 Tennessee Police are also investigating how a newborn child ended up in a dumpster. Officers in Jackson found the

baby boy just before four am on yesterday. First responders provider life saving care on the scene then took the child to a hospital. In a statement police said they are thankful the child is alive and that they have identified the mother. The Department of Children's Services is also investigating.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/23/23 6:00am 1:00 The Sequatchie County Sheriff's Office arrested six people in a two day drug transaction on Houston Street on Dunlap. Three people were arrested on Highway 111. Officers found fentanyl, marijuana and two handguns in the car. Police and drug task force agents then searched a home on Houston Street and arrested three additional suspects. Inside they found more fentanyl, marijuana, meth and two more guns.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/23/23 7:00am 1:00 The Catoosa County Sheriff's Office needs your help in searching for a missing man. Hunter Brent Kelly White was last seen on January 1st on Burning Bush Road in the area of Poplar Springs Road. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Josh Moore with the Catoosa County Sheriff's Office. That number is right there on your screen.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/23/23 7:00am 1:00 One person is dead after a shooting and crash on Highway 58. The Chattanooga Police Department responded to a single-vehicle crash with possible entrapment. Once officers arrived they found the driver unconscious and a child in the back seat. The driver was found with a gunshot wound and pronounced dead at the scene. The child was not harmed and transported to a nearby hospital. Police say there is evidence of gunfire on the outside of the vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/23/23 8:00am 1:00 The Chattanooga Police Departments says they need the public's help in identifying two suspects accused of vandalizing the Tivoli. The Tivoli theater is a historical landmark in Chattanooga reaching back to the 20th century.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/23/23 8:00am 1:00 The Hamilton Sheriff's Office is warning residents of a telephone scam. Deputies say the call informs the resident they misused jury duty and to avoid jail time they must go to a local store such as a Walgreen or CVS and purchase a reloadable green dot or similar card. While this scam is not new the caller is using names of actual HCSO employees. As a reminder never send money over the phone to any organization or agency until you have verified the legitimacy of the request. If

you feel you have been a victim of this scam or one similar to it you're asked to contact your local law enforcement agency.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/25/23 6:00am 1:00 A toddler is reunited with their family after being accidentally taken in what police are calling car theft. Chattanooga police say it started on East Main Street then ended in a crash on I-75. After crashing and running into the woods. You can see first responders got to the child. They tell us the child was unharmed. CPD says the child's grandmother left her sleeping in the car while she ran into a hair salon. Officials say this brief moment was enough for the suspect to strike. Police are still looking for the suspect and they believe he did not set out to kidnap the child.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/26/23 7:00am 1:00 A bicyclist died from a hit and run in Chattanooga Wednesday according to Chattanooga police. The incident happened at 10800 East 32nd Street. The bicyclist, 62 year old darrell Kennedy was taken to the hospital where he died from his injuries. CPD is looking for the suspect and their vehicle.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/26/23 6:00am 1:00 A suspect is now behind bars charged with trying to grope a 10 year old girl. The mother's allegation against an employee at the Urban Air Trampoline and Adventure Park on Gunbarrel Road is against Claude Finch. Finch is now charged with solicitation of a minor and aggravated sexual battery. An affidavit reveals he took a 10 year old victim to a private area of the business and asked to touch her inappropriately in exchange for game cards. This isn't the first time Finch has been charged. In November of 2021 Finch was charged with sexually assaulting a student and stalking another at Southern Adventist University.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/26/23 8:00am 1:00 The City of Chattanooga says it's reached a settlement with 14 officers that were temporarily re-assigned last August. The city previously said the officers were moved because they couldn't testify in court due to allegations of quote "untruthfulness or misrepresentation" end quote. Officers affected were also reinstated and received the money they lost out on during the two week period of their reassignment.

Issues Chattanooga 1/29/23 4:45am 15:00 Michelle Mason with the Better Business Bureau, talks to us about the scams we should look out for during 2023 year. Elderly are the ones who fall for it the most but scams are getting to be harder to recognize.

Alt. 98.7 News 1/31/23 7:00am 1:00 Three teens have been arrested and charged with carjacking following an incident Saturday afternoon. Police were notified of a carjacking that occurred on Roanoke Avenue around one in the afternoon. The victim says he was attempting to sell his vehicle when he was assaulted and his vehicle was taken. Police found the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop but the stolen vehicle refused to stop and a pursuit started. The suspects caused a multiple crashes before finally stopping at 34 hundred Brainerd Road according to CPD.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/2/23 6:00am 1:00 Some Hamilton County commissioners are raising concerns about the cost to fix the county jail. They say upgrading Silverdale Detention Center may cost more than originally planned. The mayor's and sheriff's office are asking for an additional one million dollars to expand and upgrade Silverdale. Several commissioners say they asked for information about how much bond money was left for this project last week and they still haven't received specifics.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/6/23 6:00am 1:00 The GBI has identified the man shot and killed by police after breaking into a business in Calhoun, Georgia. GBI says name is Daniel Tang of River Edge, New Jersey. It happened Thursday morning at Battlefield Supply Company. Police noticed the business had been broken into. They went inside and found Tang holding a gun. They say Tang pointed the gun at them and that's when police say they shot him.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/8/23 7:00am 1:00 Trotter Raymond, a student from Covenant College was arrested and charged with 1 count of arson. Raymond set a curtain on fire in the lobby at Carter Hall. Everyone inside the building got out safely. Residents were permitted to return to their rooms after a full inspection by the fire department.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/8/23 8:00am 1:00 The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and its law enforcement policies are under the microscope following the brutal beating and death of Tryre Nichols in Memphis. Two years ago HCSO promised more transparency from the department. They said they would establish a new database on their website for people to research department policies and procedures without having to make an open records request. However the database has not been created although current sheriff Austim Garrett says their website will be updated soon.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/9/23 6:00am 1:00 Concerned citizens in the Chattanooga community gathered in front of city hall following the death of Tyre Nichols by Memphis Police officers. They say their goal is to get rid of the policing system. Chattanooga police

chief celeste Murphy says they're working locally to create a panel of both community members and officers to review CPD's current use of force policy and improve their de-escalation tactics but some say that's not enough.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/21/23 7:00am 1:00 The Silverdale Detention Center remains a highly contested talking point for many in Hamilton County. Hamilton County commissioners toured the facility on Friday to see new improvement and they say some of them are step in the right direction. In the past commissioners said the facility needed an upgrade to its surveillance system along with improvements to how the jail recruits and retains patrol and correction deputies. Hamilton County officials still say progress is being made.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/22/23 8:00am 1:00 What started as a routine traffic stop became a significant drug arrest over the weekend. Collegedale police say they pulled over 19 year old Gabriel Goins after witnessing him drive with his high beams on effecting other drivers including the officer. According to police when ordered to step out of the something in his waistband. When asked Goins revealed it was marijuana and turned it over to the officer. A search of the vehicle uncovered 7 more bags of marijuana as well as hundreds of dollars in cash. Goins has been charged with felony possession of marijuana.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/23/23 6:00am 1:00 Another man is facing charges following a shooting in Sweetwater that left a two year old dead and several hurt. A spokesperson for the Monroe County Sheriff's office says Liu and Itzhui Huerta are facing first degree murder charges among other counts. Those suspects along with two other men showed up to a family's home armed with guns. The mother attacked them with a metal pole before they opened fire and killed her child. The report says one of the intruders also died in the fight.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/27/23 7:00am 1:00 Two children were attacked on school grounds after police say a man brought his dogs to campus after hours. Burton Webb is the man who police say was roaming the woods near the Bright School before his dobermans let loose and bit two children. The bite requiring one of the two children to get stitches. A employee told police she spotted Webb taking photos of her and her vehicle two months ago and again the day of the dog attack. In January Webb was charged with criminal

Alt. 98.7 News 2/28/23 8:00am 1:00 A republican backed bill in Georgia would expand the amount of crimes that require cash bail. The bill's sponsor says this will keep people from committing additional crimes. But some senators say the bill targets Georgia's most vulnerable. If passed a criminal would have to pay bail after things like passing a

worthless check, driving recklessly or fighting in a public place instead of just the most serious crimes.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/3/23 6:00am 1:00 A Catoosa County parent faces charges after leaving a gun unattended at an elementary school. Georgia public schools are gun-free zones making the parent's gun free zones making the parent's gun permit irrelevant in this case. Deputies tell us it happened at Ringgold Primary School. They say a mother left her handbag unattended. The arrest affidavit says she was trying to keep track of her two young children when she left her purse with a gun inside of it right in front of the school. The sheriff's department shares that this is not the first time this has happened this school year.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/3/23 7:00am 1:00 Tennessee death penalty inmates may be getting another say in their way of execution. Currently Tennessee death row inmates can choose between electrocution and lethal injection but one Tennessee bill would add death by firing squad to that list. The bill's sponsor representative Dennis Powers says when someone commits a heinous crime such as first degree murder they give up their right to life. Lawmakers argue firing squads would demonstrate cruel and unusual punishment.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/8/23 6:00am 1:00 Chattanooga police say they found two bodies over the weekend. The first body was on Brainerd Road. CPD says the body was in the early phases of decomposition and an investigation is now underway. The other body was found in the bathroom of the Walmart on Gunbarrel Road. Police say Fentanyl, needles and insulin were found at the scene and it is believed to be an accidental overdose.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/10/23 7:00am 1:00 Chattanooga police released crime statistics for the month of February and they report overall crime between February of 2022 and 2023 actually decreased. Crimes like robbery, burglary and thefts all dropped but police say DUI's increased by nearly 50%.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/15/23 7:00am 1:00 Detectives say two men were quote "Joking around" at Erlanger Hospital on Friday night when one shot the other. Jayce Jenkins now faces a charge of reckless endangerment. Chattanooga police say he and another coworker, Ryan Howard, were joking around in an office. That's when Jenkins pulled a gun and apparently thinking it was unloaded shot Howard. We found that Ryan Howard's application to be a security guard was actually still in progress with the state.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/15/23 8:00am 1:00 A proposed Tennessee bill would expand gun laws to allow people 18 years and older to open carry any style of firearm in public. Those for expanding the state's carry law say the constitution doesn't just apply to handguns but all firearms. But one group we heard from "Mom's Demand Action" believes this is a dangerous move. The bill is headed to the civil justice committee Wednesday.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/17/23 6:00am 1:00 The Hamilton County sheriff's office tells us an investigation into explicit emails sent to Hamilton County students and faculty has been closed. Last April an East Hamilton Middle School parent told us about those emails and how they included her underage daughter. That family is suing the district claiming there was not enough done to filter inappropriate content from unauthorized accounts. HCSO also tells us the DA's office is not pursuing charges.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/23/23 7:00am 1:00 The drug enforcement administration reports, fentanyl deaths are in the rise. A new bill filed in the Tennessee Senate would classify fentanyl and its by product as chemical warfare agents. A person would receive a "Class B" felony and face up to 30 years in prison if the bill becomes law. Lawmakers deferred any vote on the bill Tuesday.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/24/23 8:00am 1:00 The Hamilton County sheriff's office arrested and charged Wallace A. Smith elementary school teacher Duane Sanders with several charges of child sexual abuse. They include 5 counts of continuous sexual child abuse four counts of aggravated sexual battery and one count of aggravated child rape. Deputies say they have identified several children as potential victims. The children's advocacy center in Hamilton County is offering support and free therapy sessions to the student victims.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/27/23 6:00am 1:00 Jason Chen, the Hamilton County man who investigators say was responsible for the death of Jasmin Pace now faces a new charge. He was indicted Thursday afternoon facing two charges first degree premeditated murder and now another for abuse of a corpse. During his preliminary hearing investigators say they found evidence of blood all across Chen's apartment.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/29/23 7:00am 1:00 Yesterday morning 3 children and 3 adult staff members were shot and killed in an apparent targeted attack at the covenant school in Nashville. Police say they shot and killed the female suspect, now identified as 28 year old Audrey Hale. Hale was a former student of the private, christian school located at Covenant Presbyterian Church, which serves preschool through sixth grade. Calls stated coming

in at 10:30 am and responding officers had engaged the shooter by 10:27. Police say they're currently going over writing left behind by the shooter.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/29/23 8:00am 1:00 We're learning more about the victims of Monday's deadly shooting at a Nashville school. 3 students all right around the age of 9 were killed along with 3 staff members in their 60s. That includes a custodian, a substitute teacher and the head of the school. The Covenant School has around 200 students from "Pre-K" thru sixth grade. City leaders called it the worst day for their community.

TAX

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
Alt. 98.7 News	1/11/23	8:00am	1:00	Georgia's gas tax suspension ended last night at midnight meaning the state is now collecting a 29 cent per gallon tax for regular gas and a 32 cent per gallon tax on diesel for wholesalers. A hike that drivers will likely see at the pump very soon. Current averages for gas in Georgia are about \$2.80 a gallon. The lowest in the nation.

Alt. 98.7 News	1/19/23	6:00am	1:00	Two Tennessee bills up for consideration in the General Assembly would create sales tax holidays for seniors and Tennesseans as a whole. House Bill 256 would expand on last year's 30 day sales tax exemption on groceries which took place during the month of August. Under the new bill food and food ingredients would be exempt from taxes from August 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023. A second bill under consideration would create another sales tax holiday on food and food items for Tennesseans aged 70 or older. The tax-free event would run from July 1, 2023, through September 30. Both bills would go into effect on July 1 if they pass.
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Alt. 98.7 News	1/25/23	7:00am	1:00	Yesterday kicked off tax filling season. You won't see some of the tax breaks that 2021 offered. Refunds may be smaller this year. 2021s enhanced child tax credits and child and dependent care credits are gone. For this tax year parents can't claim as high of an amount as they used to. The earned income tax credit is also going to be lower this year. Above the line deduction for charitable contributions in addition to the standard education is gone too.
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Alt. 98.7 News	3/2/23	8:00am	1:00	A Tennessee bill backed by Governor Lee would put an annual fee on electric car owners to make up for the gas tax they don't pay. The fee would be 200 dollars a year for the first three years and then increase even more for the following years depending on what the average driver spends on gas tax that year. Representative Dan Howell compares this fee to a registration fee that would start when the owner renews their registration for the first time.
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Issues Chattanooga	3/5/23	4:45am	15:00	Brian Smith, with the City of Chattanooga Parks and Rec Center explained about how tax dollars will fund fixing area parks and recreational center areas. They are also wanting ideas from the community in what needs improving these areas.
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TOURISM

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
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Alt. 98.7 News	1/31/23	6:00am	1:00	The East Lake Community Center reopened its doors to the public on Sunday after 3 years of being closed due to extensive renovations and Covid-19. City leaders say it's better than ever. The center will provide 16 thousand square feet of activity spaces, learning labs, tutoring and programming from the office of community health. Mayor Tim Kelly Hopes that the center can be a place for mentorship.
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Alt. 98.7 News	2/2/23	7:00am	1:00	Two Tennessee lawmakers introduced a bill which would create a holiday for the first Monday after the super bowl. However the bill makes a kind of holiday trade off by removing Columbus Day. The post super bowl holiday would officially be known as "Super Bowl Monday".
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Alt. 98.7 News	2/13/23	8:00am	1:00	New details on the housing that will be located near the new Chattanooga Lookouts Stadium at the U.S. Pipe and Wheeland Foundry site. We spoke with the developer who says 60 town homes will be built on St. Elmo Avenue just a few blocks away from where the new stadium will sit. As far as the stadium site once the Chattanooga Sports Authority picks a location for the ballpark. The property owner will enter a donation agreement to turn the land over.
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Alt. 98.7 News	3/9/23	6:00am	1:00	The short term vacation rental plan failed to advance at the Chattanooga City Council meeting Tuesday but it may not be over. The proposed ordinance would prevent new single family homes used as short term vacation rentals from being within 1000 feet of each other. Multifamilies homes such as apartment would have also had restriction in the maximum number allowed in the complex. If it eventually passes it would also increase the annual and initial permitting fees for rental owners.
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Alt. 98.7 News	3/14/23	7:00am	1:00	The new Chattanooga Lookouts Stadium may not have its groundbreaking for a few more months. A site for the new ballpark has yet to be picked but the city of Chattanooga tells us there are people surveying the land right now. The city adds they previously felt groundbreaking could happen as soon as April but some financial aspects are holding things up. As of now an official groundbreaking date has not been set.
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Alt. 98.7 News	3/17/23	8:00am	1:00	Chattanooga could soon host one of the biggest motor sports competitions in the world. The Chattanooga Tourism
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Company is working with the world rally championship to bring a rally stage to the area. A "test run" is happening in April and another in September to bring races here.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/22/23 6:00am 1:00 A rally car race spanning at least three counties heads to our area. We're told the race will run through a portion of Polk County. Commissioner John Pippenger of Polk County says he's frustrated because he found out about the upcoming event through the media's coverage. Berry White the president and CEO of Chattanooga Tourism Company told us last week that Polk County knew the race was coming. However he did not specify who in Polk County's leadership knew.

Issues Chattanooga 3/26/23 4:45am 15:00 Talked with Dr. Dave Buck who is involved with the Autism Foundation. He was informing us of the Chattanooga Autism Walk that is happening soon and how families from all the country come to celebrate of Autism Celebration Day. He explained how families from all over help each other through this walk of life with their families

Health

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
Issues Chattanooga	1/8/23	45:00	15:00	The YMCA is providing work outs for all ages and to motivate all to keep their New Year's resolution. They provide classes where people can work together and make it more fun to keep healthy.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/10/23	7:00am	1:00	Governor Bill Lee says he's taking immediate action to move the 156 million dollar budget increase to Tennessee's Department of Children's Services. Lee said the state is working to use private contract providers to meet the needs of case workers and make sure children receive necessary care. State Senator Keidi Campbell says while this is a step in the right direction she's not sure privatization is the best step forward noting that it doesn't work well with things that aren't profit oriented.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/12/23	6:00am	1:00	Chattanooga's Parks and Outdoors Department says new pickle ball courts are coming to three locations in the city. The department plans to create 5 courts. In East Brainerd off of Batters Place Road, with later projects in Lookout Vally and Hixson. We're told the courts will feature new resurfacing with blue coloring as well as new lighting, seating areas, shade structures and an upgraded parking lot. The city hopes to complete construction early this coming spring.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/23/23	8:00am	1:00	Tennessee lawmakers continue to debate over what some are calling abortion rights with new legislation focused on amending exceptions for physicians performing abortions. Tennessee's current law does not provide doctors any exceptions for performing the procedure instead it gives them the option of "affirmative defense". The law says doctors can provide a defense of a performed abortion in cases when a mother's life is in danger. But that is after criminal charges are already brought against them. Health workers say charges alone can destroy their careers preventing them from giving life saving care.
Issues Chattanooga	2/5/23	4:45am	15:00	Matt Gendney, from the Southeast Epilepsy Foundation. He discussed how the money from the sales of the tickets to the upcoming Chocolate Fling benefits the foundation and how the money helps people who have epilepsy. At the Chocolate Fling you can eat all the chocolate you can and vote on which one is best.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/15/23 6:00am 1:00 A new study says Georgians in rural counties are facing major healthcare coverage problems. The State Department of Health conducted the study with over 600 thousand Georgians finding that in some rural counties like Dade and Walker 90% of Georgians health plans don't provide them proper access to medical services. The study found two problems leading to the healthcare crisis. Insurance plans that aren't accepted at the few available hospitals and a lack of healthcare education.

Issues Chattanooga 2/26/23 4:45am 15:00 We discussed with Dr. Martin, an oncologist in Chattanooga about the importance of getting a colonoscopy every year from the time you are 50's. He also let us know about the Rump Run that is coming up and how it will help spread the knowledge of taking care of this important organ.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/6/23 7:00am 1:00 Tennesseans will need to wait at least another year for medical marijuana to be legal. A state bill hoping to legalize medical marijuana has been shot down. While it applies to all residents of the state a cannabis advocacy group feels it negatively impacts veterans. They told us medical marijuana would have helped with things like PTSD and they describe their current medication as addictive doing more harm than good.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/9/23 8:00am 1:00 A newly proposed Georgia bill could provide more resources for people needing mental health care. The goal of all of this is to improve the response to mental health emergencies and increase care for people going through a crisis. This new bill would take a step further forgiving student loans for nurses and others already in healthcare making the license process easier.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/16/23 6:00am 1:00 Erlanger confirms it will begin returning its helicopter life force crews to work. This follows a crash last week in Western North Carolina. The Macon County, North Carolina sheriff's office says they were transporting a patient who was having a heart attack. We learned the helicopter crashed about 10 minutes after it took off. Everyone onboard survived.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/20/23 7:00am 1:00 A man is in critical condition after jumping out of an ambulance and getting hit by a vehicle. That's according to the Chattanooga Police Department. The crash happened early Sunday afternoon on I-24 West near Market Street. Officials say the man was being transported to a hospital by ambulance when suddenly jumped out and ran across the interstate.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/28/23 8:00am 1:00 Covid vaccine requirements could soon be banned in Georgia. The state house gave final approval to a bill which would prevent any public school state agency or local government from issuing a vaccine mandate. Supporters say the previous mandate was an over reach from the government. Critics argue the change will only slow down the state's response to virus outbreaks in the future.

Environment

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
Issues Chattanooga	1/1/23	4:45am	15:00	Captain Johnson from the Chattanooga Fire Department discussed fire works, the safety and how to keep kids away from them. He let us know some of the most likely way people get hurt.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/4/23	7:00am	1:00	In South Pittsburgh at Signature Healthcare the recent single digit temperatures caused the sprinkler system at the senior living facility to burst. The water destroying the ceiling in resident's rooms. Signature tells us one was in any danger and the resident impacted the worst was moved to a different room. The facility says they are working on repairs and everyone is still safe.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/11/23	6:00am	1:00	Less than a month after issuing rolling blackouts during last month's cold snap, the Tennessee Valley Authority is moving forward with another gas plant. The utility company moved to retire the Cumberland Fossil plant and begin operating a gas plant calling the decision the "least cost alternative." Hundreds of thousands of customers lost power in those blackouts. The TVA announced that their staff is set to investigate the reasons behind the blackouts.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/11/23	8:00am	1:00	Chattanooga City staff approved new apartments as part of the South Broad Development project. It will be at the block between 26th and 27th streets and Cowart and Williams Streets. This is also a part of the project to create a new Chattanooga Lookouts stadium where the old Wheland Foundry sits now. Right now the stadium is projected to open in 2025.
Issues Chattanooga	1/22/23	4:45am	15:00	Tish Gilmard, from the Reflection Riding and Arbuetriem Center, let us know about the activities coming up at the center for children and adults. They are really trying to concentrate on going green this year and teaching people how they can be apart of this vision.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/31/23	7:00am	1:00	A chemical leak and fire forced workers to evacuate Chattem Chemicals Friday morning. The fire department tells us they found a fire around one of the company's methanol tanks around 11 that morning. Firefighter put out the fire within minutes. A hazmat team then found a leak in one of the valves going to the tank. Chattanooga firefighters then stopped that leak CFD days no one was hurt and there are no hazards.

Minority Issues

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
Alt. 98.7 News	1/5/23	6:00am	1:00	Tennessee's strict abortion ban currently remains in place. However some state lawmakers want to make exceptions to the ban. State Representative Yusuf Hakeem is proposing one bill that he says would protect the health and safety of women. He wants to add exceptions of a medical emergency affecting the physical or mental health o the pregnant person. Most registered voters in Tennessee want exceptions for rape of incest in the state's sweeping abortion ban.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/9/23	7:00am	1:00	More than two dozen bill seeking to restrict transgender health care access have been introduced across 11 states including Tennessee. This is for the legislative sessions beginning in early 2023. In Tennessee the GOP controlled legislature announced after Election Day that it's first priority would be to ban medical providers from altering a child's hormones or performing surgeries that enable them to present as a gender different from their sex. The pre-filed bill would replace present law with more stringent restrictions.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/13/23	8:00am	1:00	A new reports says Tennessee had the highest rate of foster care instability in the country every year from 2016 to 2020. The report defines "foster care instability" as three or more placements in the first 12 months of custody. Tennessee's rates have been above 30 percent between 2018 and 2020. In that same time span the report says the highest country wide rate has been just 16%. The report also says nearly one in 10 children in the foster system were in custody for more than two years.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/25/23	6:00am	1:00	This week the Department of Health walks away from the federal HIV prevention, detection and treatment funding. It will rely on state funding for such efforts starting June 1. The State Tennessee says they will not use planned parenthood for HIV prevention or testing. Tennessee's Department of Health alerted Planned Parenthood back in November that it would no longer receive HIV prevention grants starting on 2023. They say quote "it is in the best interest of Tennesseans for the state to assume direct financial for these services" end quote.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/26/23	7:00am	1:00	Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp wants to put 3 million dollars of American rescue plan money to county projects. Mayor Wamp said in this week's commission meeting the money will go to communities that are disproportionately impacted including the Latino County. The majority of the money will go toward Road reflectors and organizations like "La Paz" and clinics medicos.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/8/23 8:00am 1:00 The Chattanooga Area Food Bank is working to make sure people have nutritious meals despite inflation. They say one in six people in the Chattanooga area have experienced some level of food insecurity over the last year. The Food Bank tells us they provided over 32 hundred services through the last three months of 2020. This past year that number tripled during the same time frame. To find out how to volunteer at the Food Bank visit news channel nine dot com.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/9/23 6:00am 1:00 A bill that could ban gender surgery and care for children and teens takes a step forward in Tennessee. Senate bill... one passed the senate judiciary committee last Tuesday afternoon. The bill would stop providers from performing the surgeries on anyone under 18. It also leaves the door open for potential penalties against providers to perform the procedure. Supporters say children shouldn't make decisions like this under they are 18 while those against the legislation believe this could be Government over reach.

Issues Chattanooga 2/12/23 4:45am 15:00 Alisha Cameron, with the Bessie Smith Cultural Center, talked about the activities coming up during the Black History Month. Activities are created for all ages to learn about the incredible events and people that have changed lives throughout the years.

Alt. 98.7 News 2/24/23 7:00am 1:00 The Chattanooga mayor's office is under fire after dismissing a city director. "SIE Navarro" was appointed to the office of New Americans back in September. That particular office helps connect migrants and refugees with city resources. The mayor's office wouldn't comment on why she was fired. They did send a statement saying the mayor places the "highest priority" on the office of New Americans.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/9/23 8:00am 1:00 Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly is working to speed up the amount of affordable housing that's available in the city through its "accelerated affordable housing action plan". New consultant groups will work under the leadership of chief housing officer, Nicole Heyman on the development and implementation of the housing action plan. They've organized a community wide 30 person working group to establish the city's housing inventory needs.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/16/23 6:00am 1:00 A new bill making its way through the Tennessee legislature would require residents to have the same sex on their driver license as their biological sex at birth. The driver's birth certificate would have to match the state issued identification. Opponents say house bill 2-39 is another restriction aimed at the

transgender community that could cost the state billions of dollars in federal funding. That bill has passed the full senate in Tennessee. The house will now consider it.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/27/23 7:00am 1:00 In Georgia Governor
Brian Kemp signed a bill Thursday restricting gender affirming care for minors. The law bans those surgeries and hormone replacement therapy for young people but doctors can still prescribe puberty blockers.

TRANSPORTATION

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
Alt. 98.7 News	1/5/23	8:00am	1:00	Norfolk Southern says it hopes to have the site of the train crash in Collegedale cleaned up by the end of the month. Workers from the railroad told Collegedale commissioners it should be a few weeks. They said it's all weather dependent but rail cars need to be cut up while locomotives need to be re-railed and moved closer to Chattanooga.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/9/23	7:00am	1:00	If you've been on the roads recently you may notice gas prices starting to slowly climb back up. The holiday season provided relief for many traveling on the roadways but December's winter storm caused refinery issues across the country. Some refineries had to temporarily shut down due to the extreme cold causing a noticeable increase in gas prices. Tennessee still remains the 10th least expensive market in the nation but Triple A says don't be surprised if we continue to see those numbers trend upwards.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/9/23	8:00am	1:00	Tennessee Governor Bill Lee wants to ease traffic congestion. He's pushing the Transportation modernization act. The Governor says it would allow the state to partner with the private sector for urban projects so they can spend those dollars on rural road projects. The Governor also wants to add tolls so drivers can choose to pay to beat congestion. But State Democrats say the plan is lacking in details and fails to fundamentally address the state's traffic woes.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/13/23	6:00am	1:00	The Federal Aviation Administration is blaming human error for the computer meltdown Wednesday that grounded air traffic nationwide. Officials say a preliminary analysis shows the system failure was caused by those who did not follow procedure while accessing the "Notice to Air Missions" database. It's the system that gives important pre-flight information to pilots. They say a data file was damaged which led to a 90 minute ground stop delaying 10 thousand flights and triggering operational problems for airline carriers. As of yesterday the agency said air traffic had returned to normal.
Alt. 98.7 News	1/17/23	7:00am	1:00	East Ridge Avenue from Ringgold Road to Monroe Street will be closed for storm drain replacement. The Hamilton County Department of Education has been advised to adjust the affected bus routes. Detour signage will be posted. The project is expected to last 2 days.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/2/23 8:00am 1:00 Catoosa County is investigating what happened in that train crash in Ringgold to see if any changes need to be made. The Georgia State patrol says the semi carrying construction equipment on a flat bed trailer got stuck on the tracks at High Street. It's the main truck route through Ringgold as the crossing under the tracks at Highway 41 has height restrictions. The train company involved CSX says one of their employees was taken to the hospital to be checked out.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/10/23 6:00am 1:00 A Tennessee bill that would have let some motorcyclists ride without wearing a helmet failed in a house subcommittee Wednesday. The "Auto Club Group" opposed the bill saying it created unnecessary risk. The bill is set to go before Senate Committee next week.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/15/23 7:00am 1:00 A transportation bill being considered could bring two million dollars in funds for paving for Polk County State Aid Roadways. The transportation modernization act would boost funds for paving and maintenance of more than 100 miles of road recognized as state aid across 4 districts. Tennessee Governor Bill Lee emphasizes that this plan could be enacted all without raising the gas tax or taking on additional debt.

Alt. 98.7 News 3/17/23 8:00am 1:00 Wilcox Boulevard Tunnel in Chattanooga is closed this week for repairs and cleaning except for Saturday. Construction will take place from 8:30 am to 3 pm today and Friday and will start back up Sunday until 9pm. Chattanooga Public Works says detours will be posted to help drivers.

Issues Chattanooga 3/19/23 4:45am 15:00 We discussed the plans to improve the area state roads in Hamilton County and other Tennessee counties close to Hamilton County. A lot of work on the interstates have improved travel but the state roads need some attention to help with traffic flow.

Religious Issues

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
Issues Chattanooga	3/12/23	4:45am	15:00	Kimberly George Race, with the Union Gospel Mission, explained how the mission helps people get back on their feet after they defeated addiction to alcohol and drugs. They help them find a job, a place to live and clothes to wear. They also help them with budgeting and taking care of their children.

Alt. 98.7 FM News	3/22/23	6:00am	1:00	Monday night Tennessee lawmakers in the house passed a bill that would provide exceptions for abortions. Currently abortions are banned with no exceptions for rape or incest. Doctors who perform abortions have to prove that it was necessary to perform an abortion rather than the state proving the opposite. This bill would eliminate doctors needing to provide that proof. The bill will now need to pass the senate.
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