

# WTFM-FM

## Quarterly Issues & Programs List First-Quarter 2024

A quarterly list of community issues the station addressed in its programming during the preceding three months, and the programming which gave “significant treatment” to those issues. The following issues were presented on the WTFM-FM public affairs program “A Closer Look.”

### ISSUES

A Closer Look airs on WTFM-FM on Sundays at 6:30 AM

**ISSUE: Alternate Medical Treatments:**

**01-07-24 DR TOM RODGERS (TRT 12:00)**

Tom Rodgers from Performance Medicine talks about Hormone Therapy and ways to manage it with alternative treatments. Having the correct blood work is the key, Tom explains.

**ISSUE: Diabetes:**

**01-14-24 Lydia F. Hoskins (TRT 12:00)**

Lydia F Hoskins, Family & Consumer Sciences from UT Extension Sullivan County. Lydia talks about Diabetes, how to manage it what foods to avoid with healthier options to manage.

**ISSUE: Blood Shortage:**

**01-28-24 RED CROSS BLOOD SHORTAGE (TRT 12:00)**

Red Cross: Emergency Blood Shortage, Donors Needed Now. Heather Barnescarbaj from the local Red Cross joins Lynda Fontaine to talk about donating blood; how, where, and who can donate.

**ISSUE: Kingsport City Government Spending:**

**01-28-24 City Election Term limits, City Budget, Road Improvements (TRT 12:00)**

Kingsport Mayor Shull talks about his departure as Mayor. The term limits he is proposing for the mayor position, city revitalization, and road improvements, he gave an update on the city budget, and how they are spending local tax funds.

**ISSUE: Lithium Battery Safety, Electric Vehicles:**

**02-04-24, 2-18-24 Barry Brickly Kingsport Fire Department (TRT 12:00)**

Barry Brickly discusses Lithium battery safety; Lithium batteries are in just about everything electronic. He talks about things you need to know about avoiding battery fires and explosions. These fires are challenging to extinguish, especially in the new battery-operated electric cars, and why people should consider their safety when buying them.

**ISSUE: Kingsport City Schools Budget:**

**02-04-24 and 2-18-24 Dr. Andy True, Assistant Superintendent (TRT 12:00)**

Bus drivers are needed and are given a \$1,500-dollar sign-on bonus for new hires. The shooting of a 14-year-old from DB, gun safety, budget items, nominating teachers, and snow days are all discussed.

**ISSUE: Energy Assistance for Low-Income Households:**

**02-11-24 Drew Deakins, Upper East TN Human Development Agency (TRT 12:00)**

Marketing and Development Director talks about the energy assistance program and how individuals can apply for help on their energy bills. He also outlines other programs like Head Start, a federal program that promotes school readiness for children ages three to five from low-income families, and how they can receive the Federal Aid available.

**ISSUE: Court Appointed Advocates for Juveniles:**

**02-11-24 CASA (TRT 12:00)**

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**ISSUE: PetWorks Animal Shelter:**

**03-10-24 Fundraiser, Animal Control, Budget (TRT 12:00)**

Mindy Sams, Board Member from Kingsport City Animal Shelter, PetWorks talks to Lynda Fontaine. PetWorks serves as the City’s animal shelter that cares for adoptable animals in the community, they also serve as the animal control for Kingsport. She explains that during the COVID pandemic, most animals were all adopted out, and saw an influx of animals when people started to go back to work. They are holding a fundraiser to help fund the shelter.

**ISSUE: Health Care:**

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non-clinical volunteers to help with services. Their budget is over 1.6 million dollars and needs more funding. They started a fundraising campaign for monthly donations and a fundraiser this year.

**ISSUE: Food Shortage, Hunger:**

**03-17-24 Second Harvest Food Bank (TRT 12:00)**

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# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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**1-14-24 Town of Jonesborough Chocolate Festival (TRT 12:00)**

T. McLeod JAMSA, President talks about the Chocolate Festival in Jonesborough

**1-21-24 Paramount Bristol | Paul Reiser Actor/Comedian (TRT 12:00)**

Paul Reiser Actor and Comedian talks about his upcoming performance at the Paramount in Bristol.

**1-21-24 Jonesborough Visitor Center | McKinney Center (TRT 12:00)**

McKinney Center Art Spring Classes. Theresa Hammonds, the McKinney Center Director outlines all the classes they will be offering this year.

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**2-25-24 BILLY ARRINGTON | LAMPLIGHT THEATRE (TRT 12:00)**

Producer/Director of Lamplight Theatre joins Lynda Fontaine to talk about the upcoming play “The Last Miracle” from March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**2-25-24 RADIOTHON | TIFFANY WILLIS DIRECTOR & CHILDREN INITIATIVES BALLAD HEATH FOUNDATION (TRT 12:00)**

Tiffany Willis from Ballad Health speaks to Lynda Fontaine about the upcoming Radiothon and how you can donate to Niswonger Children’s Hospital Radiothon fundraiser promoted through Holston Valley Broadcasting Corporation’s radio stations 98.5 WTFM, 95.9 WRZK, 1027 WVEK, and ESPN Tri-Cities.

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Author of “Awaken the Dawn”, speaks to Lynda Fontaine to tell us about her new book, when and where you can purchase a copy.

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### **3-24-24 Kingsport Theatre Guild | Plays (TRT 12:00)**

Kingsport Theatre Guild's upcoming plays.

### **3-31-24 TOWN OF JONESBOROUGH | EVENTS (TRT 12:00)**

Town of Jonesborough and the McKinney Center Theresa Hammons and Cameo Waters discuss the events for Easter and this summer.

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