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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, 2024 and ending on March 31, 2024. Specific descriptions of programming which addresses the issues is attached.

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All stations broadcast the same news, but at times that vary from station to station.

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Economy

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ALT 98.7 News	1/1/24	8:00am	1:00	A beloved Dunlap restaurant could soon be back in business. A fire damaged the Cookie Jar Cafe earlier this year. It destroyed parts of the roof and the second floor of the building. They shared an update to social media yesterday. It says they plan to finish up repairs and could re-open by the end of January.
ALT 98.7 News	1/5/24	6:00am	1:00	A Chattanooga clothing shop is facing a lawsuit over a picture of Princess Diana. Glenn Harvey a former photographer of the British Royal family claims "Bruce Baird and Company" illegally used his photo of the princess on their website to promote their clothes. Harvey now wants the business to pay damages. We've reached out to the clothing shop about this case.
ALT 98.7 News	1/16/24	7:00am	1:00	New details on the fire that started at the Bowater Plant in Calhoun early Saturday morning. We now know that the fire happened in the building's power distribution system according to a company representative. No injuries were reported but they say power outages happened across the site.
ALT 98.7 News	2/20/24	8:00am	1:00	One Northshore restaurant that's been in business for nearly 70 years is planning to close their doors. Susan Danner and her husband took over the Longhorn Restaurant almost 16 years ago when the business was 50 years old. The couple tells us they tried for a year to keep the Longhorn open but say they lost their lease. The Longhorn Restaurant will remain open until Friday February 23rd.
ALT 98.7 News	2/27/24	6:00am	1:00	The Tennessee Lottery says a lucky player in Chattanooga just hit a 50 thousand dollar jackpot. Someone bought a ticket that matched 4 out of 5 white balls plus the Powerball in last night's "Double Play" drawing. The lottery says the winning ticket was sold at a Kankus Express on East Brainerd Road.
ALT 98.7 News	2/27/24	7:00am	1:00	A state representative Gloria Johnson has introduced a bill that would increase minimum wage to 20 dollars an hour in Tennessee. Currently the state abides by the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour. Representative Johnson argues higher pay is needed to keep pace with rent and grocery prices.

She says she will also push for \$20 minimum wage on the national level if she's elected to the US Senate.

ALT 98.7 News 3/14/24 8:00am 1:00 A Chattanooga City Council member is under investigation by the city auditor. Auditor Stan Sewell tells us the City Attorney requested his office look into District 9 Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod's residency. Coonrod's campaign finance disclosure lists an address in the Eastdale area which is in her district. Property tax records show Coonrod owns property in the Harrison area. We reached out to Coonrod she tell us she live in her district.

ALT 98.7 News 3/21/24 6:00am 1:00 Volkswagen workers in Chattanooga have filed a petition to vote on unionization. 2 previous votes failed back in 2014 and 2019. President Joe Biden supports the effort and says many VW plants around the work already have unions. So far we have not heard from Tennessee Republican lawmakers about this unionization attempt.

ALT 98.7 News 3/22/24 7:00am 1:00 A Tennessee Department of Labor report from 2022 found plumbers were in demand in 9 different regions across the state. Those who work trade jobs describe them as tough and dirty. Unions say that can discourage young people from pursuing a career in those fields. The Bureau of Labor statistics says in 2022 the average plumber in Chattanooga made 55 thousand dollars.

Issues Chattanooga 3/24/24 4:45am 15:00 Rich Everly from the American legion Post 257 discussed how the community can help local vet. Vets have made an incredible difference in the country's history and present. The community should know how to thank them in area and thank them constantly.

Education

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ALT 98.7 News	1/5/24	6:00am	1:00	Chattanooga real estate agent Mark Hite has died. Real Estate Partners Chattanooga says he passed away this weekend while on vacation in Key West. Known as "The Local Mark" Hite served as the president of the Greater Chattanooga Association of Realtors. He also worked with Chattanooga cares, the Chambliss Center for Children and Habitat for Humanity.
ALT 98.7 News	1/11/24	7:00am	1:00	The wet weather closed several schools across our area yesterday. While others had a delayed opening. A spokesperson for Hamilton County Schools says the weather impacted Benchmark testing. The district tells us they will extend the testing window to make up for lost time.
ALT 98.7 News	1/15/24	6:00am	1:00	A former Brainerd High teacher and cheerleading coach mishandled money for years. That's according to a report from the Tennessee comptroller. It says the teacher collected thousands of dollars from cheerleaders and their families but did not transfer the funds to school accounts. The report says she tried to buy equipment and services from unapproved vendors instead. That teacher has since resigned.
ALT 98.7 News	1/15/24	8:00am	1:00	Georgia Governor Brian Kemp gave his State of the State address yesterday. During his speech he called on lawmakers to last legislation on school choice. Governor Kemp pushed to give 65 hundred dollar vouchers to students last year but several republicans voted against it. Kemp argues the vouchers would encourage competition and spur improvement.
ALT 98.7 News	1/19/24	7:00am	1:00	Many schools across our area will stay closed today. Some districts have already announced they will be closed for the remainder of this week. Families are now scrambling to find childcare. Some caregivers can take a sick day or ask a family member for help but a lot of parents don't have those options. Local parents tell us the earlier a school can announce a closing the better.
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ALT 98.7 News 1/26/24 6:00am 1:00 After several days of no school from snow and ice many Hamilton County non-salary employees say their email be no money on their next pay-check. Something they rely on to support their families. We reached out to the district to see if there is a plan in the works to help these employees. They tell us they're working to find a solution to last week's disruption.

ALT 98.7 News 1/29/24 7:00am 1:00 A woman faces charges after authorities say she hit a teacher with her car in the parking lot of Brown Middle School. The driver of the vehicle Angela Hayes told deputies that she was in a hurry to drop her child off. Hayes also said she was on her way to a meeting with the principal about her erratic driving from last week. She faces two charges of reckless driving and aggravated assault.

ALT 98.7 News 1/30/24 8:00am 1:00 Hamilton County Schools approved emergency money to pay their cafeteria workers. The move comes after classes were concealed two weeks ago due to the winter weather. A district spokesperson says workers should receive those emergency funds in their paycheck this week. The school board could also ratify the change during their next meeting.

ALT 98.7 News 2/6/24 6:00am 1:00 Chattanooga will honor American hero Larry Taylor this week. He will be laid to rest Wednesday starting with a private memorial service at the Medal of Honor Heritage Center. His procession will then go down Market Street to MLK BLVD and then to Holtzclaw Ave and enter the National Cemetery.

ALT 98.7 News 2/7/24 7:00am 1:00 Some Tennessee parents of fourth graders may have to wait until the last minute to find out if their child is able to head to the fifth grade. T-CAP tests are in April for Tennessee fourth graders and if the state holds back a fourth grader there's no retake option of summer school. This only applies to fourth graders who passed the T-CAP by retaking it or if they attend a "Learning Loss Bridge Camp".

ALT 98.7 News 2/8/24 8:00am 1:00 Parents and students of Notre Dame High School shaken up yesterday after police say someone was shot on school property. The shooting sent the school and several nearby healthcare facilities into lockdown. Chattanooga police have not said if someone is in custody or if the shooting was intentional but say this shooting was isolated from school. No students or staff were hurt.

ALT 98.7 News 2/14/24 6:00am 1:00 Early voting starts tomorrow in Tennessee. It goes from February 14th to the 27th. This will be for the March 5th

presidential primary and county primary. The state has resources for polling locations, times and sample ballots at "Go-Votes-T-N.gov. Georgia's early voting starts a week from yesterday.

Issues Chattanooga 2/28/24 4:45am 15:00 Chattanooga
Preparatory School principal Diamond Kelly joined us to talk about the varieties of education for all learning styles. She explained the way it can form a child's future.

ALT 98.7 News 2/20/24 7:00am 1:00 Certain flags may no longer be allowed in or outside of Tennessee Schools. A bill advanced through the education administration on Wednesday and will face the calendar and ruled committee next. A list of which flags would of schools was recently added to the bill.

ALT 98.7 News 2/20/24 8:00am 1:00 A Georgia bill addressing the topic of gender identity in schools is once again being heard after being re-drafted several times. Parents and children protection act of 2023 or senate bill 88 would provide guidelines over gender discussions in both public and private schools. The bill mandates that private schools must obtain parental consent before discussing anything related to gender identity. It will now go to the senate floor for a full vote.

ALT 98.7 News 2/23/24 6:00am 1:00 A new report revealed almost a third of Tennessee college students may experience some degree of food insecurity. Researches surveyed campus administrators across Tennessee for a year long investigation. They found that first generation students of color are disproportionately inclined to go hungry.

ALT 98.7 News 3/6/24 7:00am 1:00 Voters in Tennessee, Alabama and North Carolina will go to the polls today for super Tuesday. The primary elections will help the republican and democratic parties choose their presidential nominee. Some city, county and congressional seats will also be on certain ballots. Voters must bring a valid ID with them to cast their ballot.

Issues Chattanooga 3/17/24 4:45am 15:00 Minic Oakly from the Speech and Hearing Center Assistance discussed what the non-profit charity help young people with those disabilities. All people desire to live a normal life and they helped them do that through the charities help.

ALT 98.7 News 3/22/24 8:00am 1:00 Cleveland State
Community College is holding a training exercise today on campus. The active shooter training will start around 10 this morning and go until about about noon at the health sciences building. They emphasize there is no need to worry because this is a scheduled drill to help first responders prepare for real world events and ensure the safety of those in the community.

ALT 98.7 News 3/25/24 6:00am 1:00 A school voucher bill
in Georgia is on its way to Governor Brian Kemp's desk. That bill would offer 65 hundred dollar vouchers to students. Families earning 400% of the federal poverty limit of less would be eligible. Students must also attend public schools that rank in the bottom 25% for academic achievement.

ALT 98.7 News 3/25/24 7:00am 1:00 The United States
Postal Service is set to make changes at the Chattanooga Processing and Distribution Center. They plan to invest 8 million dollars to modernize the facility. The changes are expected to streamline in the package and delivery process. The Postal Service also says no one will be laid off during this effort.

ALT 98.7 News 3/26/24 8:00am 1:00 The NCAA switched
out referees during the women's basketball tournament game between Chattanooga and North Carolina State back on Saturday. According to the association the original umpire received a master's degree from Chattanooga. The NCAA states that all game officials must provide their school affiliations to avoid any conflicts of interest.

Crime

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ALT 98.7 News	1/01/24	6:00am	1:00	We're continuing to ask police for updates after Chattanooga police and SWAT team responded to a Motel 6 in downtown to conduct a search warrant Wednesday night. Over 20 police cars responded to the scene at Williams Street and West 25th Street. Police Chief Celeste Murphy tells us a motel room door was locked from the inside. When officers got inside Chief Murphy says no one was there. A CPD spokesperson tells us no arrests have been made at this point.
ALT 98.7 News	1/1/24	7:00am	1:00	Authorities in Cherokee County, North Carolina need your help locating a missing teen. 17 year old Addison Dartez was last seen leaving her home around 2 am on December 20th. That's according to the Polk County Emergency Communication Districts Facebook page. They say she was wearing a navy blue hoodie with cursive writing on it, jeans and cowboy boots.
ALT 98.7 News	1/5/24	8:00am	1:00	The McMinn County sheriff says an Etowah man shot and killed his father last week. Sheriff Joe Guy says Jason Dillard opened fire inside a home on County Road 4-75 last Thursday. He says Dillard and his father had been arguing before that happened. Dillard received a second degree murder charge and a 200 thousand dollar bond. He's still behind bars this morning.
ALT 98.7 News	1/8/24	6:00am	1:00	A Chattanooga man faces arson charges. That's after CRD says he set his home on fire following an argument with his mother. Authorities arrested the suspect Wednesday after responding to the fire on East 26th Street. CFD says the suspect tried to burn the couch first. No one was hurt.
ALT 98.7 News	1/8/24	7:00am	1:00	The Hamilton County DA says officers involved in a deadly shooting will not face criminal charges. It involves a 17 year old killed after a standoff in September. Body camera video appeared to show "David Mendez Lopez" pointing a gun at officers inside a Kelly Street home. CPD says he refused to surrender.
ALT 98.7 News	1/9/24	6:00am	1:00	Chattanooga police say they found possible skeletal remains in the 76 hundred block of Ferdinand "Peach" way. The department says they've had investigators looking into those remains for several days now. They tell us they're waiting to hear from the medical examiner about who or what the remains belong to.

ALT 98.7 News 1/9/24 8:00am 1:00 A Hixson man facing child sex abuse charges violated his probation. That's according to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Deputies arrested Seth Cordell Friday. An affidavit we obtained reveals Cordell was told to leave a Market Street Bar several times by an employee because he was not allowed in. Cordell reportedly left and then drove by the bar, threatening a drive by shooting. He faces a harassment charge.

ALT 98.7 News 1/11/24 6:00am 1:00 We're continuing to ask questions about a stolen Chattanooga Police Department car. Police say a still unidentified and still on the run suspect drove off in an officer's car early Monday morning. CPD says that suspect fired shots into someone's home right before the alleged theft. Officials found the car a couple of miles away a short time later.

ALT 98.7 News 1/11/24 7:00am 1:00 Chattanooga police arrested a man they say assaulted and opened fire on another person late last month. The department says Corey France knocked on doors near Tunnel Boulevard while waving a gun. Police later found the suspect on Ocoee Street. He faces several charges including attempted murder.

ALT 98.7 News 1/12/24 6:00am 1:00 Chattanooga police say someone shot and killed a man on North Bishop drive Tuesday night. Investigators say the victim James McReynold was inside a vehicle when it happened. The family tells us he's a local rapper. Police continue to work to identify a suspect.

ALT 98.7 News 1/19/24 8:00am 1:00 A 7 year old in Rhea County has died after someone opened fire in a home there. That's according to the county sheriff. The child's family took him to the Rhea County medical center and the boy was later moved to "T.C. Thompson" in Chattanooga. He passed away there on Monday and now an investigation is underway.

Issues Chattanooga 1/21/24 4:45am 15:00 The City of Chattanooga Police Department discussed their programs to deter young people from trying drugs much less becoming addicted to them. They discussed how they are becoming more and more available in the suburbs.

ALT 98.7 News 1/23/24 7:00am 1:00 This morning a former Hamilton County EMT will find out how much prison time he'll serve. Justin Whaley

was found guilty in October of last year after killing James Brumlow in a car crash 5 years ago. He's guilty of several charges including driving under the influence and vehicular homicide by intoxication. Today Whaley is set to return to court to receive his sentence.

ALT 98.7 News 1/24/24 8:00am 1:00 A judge sentenced Justin Whaley to 9 years in prison yesterday. Whaley is a former Hamilton County EMT convicted for a wrong way crash near Soddy Daisy in 2018. Prosecutors say Whaley hit James Brumlow head-on killing him. Whaley will be eligible for parole in just over 23.

ALT 98.7 News 1/24/24 6:00am 1:00 We're learning more about what led up to a deadly shooting in a Rhea County home earlier this month. Police say seven year old died. Rhea County deputies arrested and charged Christian Jone with criminal homicide last week. The suspect originally told authorities he and the victim got into a fight over the gun before it fired accidentally. An arrest report says Jones later admitted to pointing the gun at the boy's head and firing.

ALT 98.7 News 1/25/24 7:00am 1:00 A Soddy-Daisy man was shot in a home Tuesday night. Police helped that man with a gunshot wound out of the home on Depot Street. Our crews say police wheeling the victim into an ambulance. We also say officers inspecting a gun and placing another person under arrest. We've reached out to Soddy-Daisy's police chief for more information.

ALT 98.7 News 1/25/24 8:00am 1:00 We continue to ask questions after a Facebook live video shows deputies with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office breaking a Chattanooga man's window and using a stun gun. An affidavit says deputies pulled over Ricky Conrad on Brainerd Road for a license plate light violation. Ricky is the brother of Chattanooga city councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod. Deputies found more than \$1000 dollars in cash along with individually sealed bags of what appeared to be marijuana.

ALT 98.7 News 1/29/24 6:00am 1:00 Georgia's Department of Agriculture has opened an investigation into a local kennel. That's after one family told us the business owners lost their dog several weeks ago. We discovered that "Ruppy Puppy Inn" was operating without a license in Ringgold, The kennel told us they waited a day to tell that family about they're missing dog.

ALT 98.7 News 1/30/24 7:00am 1:00 Two Hamilton County Sheriff's deputies are recovering after being shot in a pursuit last night. According to HCSO the

Catoosa County Sheriff began the pursuit after an armed suspect kidnapped an 18 month old child. Once Hamilton County got the vehicle to stop along I-75 using a spike strip near Ooltewah deputies exchanged fire with the suspect killing them on scene. Two deputies were hurt.

ALT 98.7 News 1/30/24 8:00am 1:00 A suspect is on the run after a road rage shooting in Dalton. Dalton police department says the shooting happened on West Walnut Avenue at 1:30 Sunday afternoon. They say two drivers were involved in an aggressive traffic incident. Damien E'Shaud Johnson reportedly fired several gunshots at the other driver. Police located Johnson's vehicle but Johnson ran away.

ALT 98.7 News 1/31/24 6:00am 1:00 We're learning more about the man who shot two deputies on Sunday following a car chase along I-75. Tyler Lebron Roberts had been released from prison in Walker County just over a month ago. Roberts served time for an aggravated assault conviction. Deputies shot and killed him Sunday night after they say he kidnapped a toddler during a domestic violence incident.

ALT 98.7 News 2/1/24 7:00am 1:00 Four Hamilton County deputies are on leave after Sunday night's kidnapping and chase along I-75. the HCSO says deputies killed the suspect Tyler Lebron Roberts after an exchange of gunfire. They say Deputy Jerardoe was shot in the face and deputy Thomas was shot in the arm. Both have now been released from the hospital.

ALT 98.7 News 2/6/24 8:00am 1:00 An inmate at the Sequatchie Valley Emergency Department tried to steal an officer's gun Sunday. The Sequatchie County Sheriff's Office says the inmate grabbed the firearm and struggled with the deputy. The gun was discharged in the process but luckily an off duty deputy from another county was there to help. The inmate was eventually restrained.

ALT 98.7 News 2/14/24 6:00am 1:00 The reward keeps growing for information leading to the man accused of killing a Tennessee deputy. the sheriff's office considers Dehart armed and dangerous. A statewide "Blue Alert" is still active. He's now on the TBI's most wanted list.

ALT 98.7 News 2/15/24 7:00am 1:00 A man charged with shooting and killing a Blount County Deputy and injuring another is now apprehended in

Knoxville. This follows a days long manhunt. Dehart has a first degree murder charge after the sheriff's office said he shot deputies Greg McCowan and Shelby Eggers. McCowan later died.

ALT 98.7 News 2/15/24 8:00am 1:00 Chattanooga Police
continue their investigation this morning after person was shot yesterday near Dodson and Citico Avenue. When CPD arrived investigators say they found a 27 year old with life threatening injuries. Police say the victim was originally on a motorcycle before he was shot. We'll be sure to keep you updated.

ALT 98.7 News 2/21/24 6:00am 1:00 Friends and family of
Meigs County Deputy, RJ Leonard, gathered at Meigs County High School yesterday to remember a life gone too soon. Last week Leonard's patrol car drove into the Tennessee River on Blythe Ferry Lane. A woman named Tabitha Smith who was in his custody at the time also passed away in the accident. Funeral arrangements for Smith have not been announced.

ALT 98.7 News 2/21/24 7:00am 1:00 A man wrongfully
convicted of murder in Grundy County now claims the sheriff's department destroyed evidence in his case. Adam Braseel was convicted for the murder of Malcom Burrows back in 2006. In 2019 a judge threw out that conviction and the Governor later gave him a full exoneration. A new filing claims evidence like the police report and victims wallet were quote "suppressed and or destroyed".

ALT 98.7 News 2/22/24 8:00am 1:00 People gathered in
Meigs County yesterday to honor the life of fallen deputy RJ Leonard. Law enforcement from all over East Tennessee made the journey for deputy Leonard's Funeral procession in Decatur. We also learned about another funeral service for Tabitha Smith the woman found in the back of Deputy Leonard's patrol car after it went into the Tennessee River. Viewing will be held Saturday in Birchwood at Burdette Baptist Church from 1 to 3pm.

ALT 98.7 News 2/23/24 6:00am 1:00 U.S. Senator from
Tennessee Bill Hagerty will be in Chattanooga today. This follows his trip to the Southern Border with Hamilton County Sheriff Austin Garrett. The senator and Sheriff Garrett returned to Tennessee last night after a visit to the Eagle Pass Border Crossing. Senator Hagerty says an influx of illegal immigrants continues to hurt Tennessee and the entire country.

ALT 98.7 News 2/23/24 7:00am 1:00 A man connected to a
death penalty case in Hamilton County has pleaded guilty to murder charges. Coutyney High

ALT 98.7 News 3/6/24 8:00am 1:00 The TBI announced the arrest of a former Cleveland police officer. That's after Cleveland police say Taylor Ryan threatened to harm some of her old co-workers Sunday night. The incident also caused several schools in Bradley County to go on soft lockdown yesterday. TBI says she was seen driving around the Cleveland police building. Ryan is now in the Bradley County jail where she faces charges of false reports.

ALT 98.7 News 3/7/24 6:00am 1:00 Hamilton County Commissioners could approve a settlement for a man involved in a violent arrest. A viral video from 2018 showed deputies punching Charles Toney while deputies had him handcuffed. Toney's attorney later sued the sheriff's office and Deputy Blake Kilpatrick for excessive force. A new resolution would pay Toney and his attorney's 150 thousand dollars in damages related to that arrest.

ALT 98.7 News 3/14/24 7:00am 1:00 Mayor Tim Kelly and others are expected to acknowledge residents and groups who have helped reduce violence in Chattanooga. Today the group "Chattanooga United to Reduce Violence" will talk about ways to prevent violent crimes and shootings. The city says residents will also have a chance to speak with new community safety groups. The event will begin at 5:30 at Hotel Clemons on Chestnut Street.

ALT 98.7 News 3/18/24 8:00am 1:00 Police in Chattanooga say someone shot a man several times on Lee Highway Tuesday afternoon. CPD tells us this happened near the Motel 6. First responders transferred the victim to the hospital. The extent of his injuries is not know at this time. Investigators ask anyone with information to give them a call.

ALT 98.7 News 3/19/24 6:00am 1:00 The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office says an inmate died while in the county jail's custody Thursday night. They say the inmate was brought in for an active burglary warrant that same day. About 14 hours later deputies found him unconscious in his cell. The sheriff's office did not identify the inmate. They did say he later died at the hospital. An investigation is underway.

ALT 98.7 News 3/19/24 7:00am 1:00 Belongings of missing 22 year old college student Riley Strain have reportedly been found. Metro Nashville police say Strain's bank card was discovered yesterday afternoon. It was found on the embankment between Gay Street and the Cumberland River. He is still missing this morning.

ALT 98.7 News 3/21/24 8:00am 1:00 A Rhea County man charged in the death of his 7 year old adoptive brother made an appearance in court yesterday. Police say Christian Jones shot and killed Joe-Zie Brown at Brown's home on January 14th. In an interrogation video played in court Jones first says Brown found a gun between some couch cushions. Jones says he tried to grab the gun but that it went off. Jones later says he grabbed a gun and waved it around near the boy.

ALT 98.7 News 3/22/24 6:00am 1:00 There are reportedly vases missing from several headstones at a local cemetery. The cemetery is Lakewood Memory Gardens West off Cummings Road. The Chattanooga Police Department say they responded to the cemetery related to a theft report. Local first noticed vases missing back in January. The cemetery fully with police in the hopes any stolen property will be returned to its rightful owners.

ALT 98.7 News 3/25/24 7:00am 1:00 The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office released their crime statistics for last year. They found the number of burglaries and vandalism cases went down. Drug related offenses and DUI cases went up. Overdose deaths decreased. The number of assault cases increased.

ALT 98.7 News 3/28/24 8:00am 1:00 Two suspects are still on the loose after a home invasion in Harrison yesterday. The sheriff's office says the homeowner shot and killed another suspect. This happened on Shirley Pound Road at around 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. The sheriff's office says the 3 intruders were armed and exchanged gunfire with the homeowner. The homeowner told us this was not the first time this happened on his property.

ALT 98.7 News 3/29/24 6:00am 1:00 One person is dead after a shooting on Vine Street on Tuesday. That's according to the Chattanooga Police Department. CPD says when they got there they found a 56 year old man with serious injuries. They say first responders took the man to the hospital where he died. Investigators tell us the man was inside his home when someone shot him.

TAX

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ALT 98.7 News	1/8/24	6:00am	1:00	A new poll shows a majority of Tennesseans would rather have the state handle property taxes and not their local government. The poll from the Beacon Center revealed only 11% of Tennesseans believe decisions on property taxes should be left solely up to the local mayor and city council. 74% of residents believe the state should have some say in property tax increases.
ALT 98.7 News	1/26/24	7:00am	1:00	Hamilton County is holding a town hall focusing on the impact of the new South Broad Lookouts Stadium and the impact it will have on taxpayers. A few weeks back developers anticipated the price of the new stadium to increase by 40 million dollars. But county leaders later added around 20 million dollars to that estimate. Tonight's town hall will start at 5:30 at Calvary Chapel on Broad Street.
ALT 98.7 News	1/29/24	8:00am	1:00	Concern over the development of the new South Broad stadium project led county and leaders to hold a community meeting last night. Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp tells us he believes a better deal can be found. Before the meeting Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly posted to social media claiming the South Broad stadium project won't be paid for out of the regular budget but rather through future tax revenues.
ALT 98.7 News	1/30/24	6:00am	1:00	Tax season starts today. The IRS will now start accepting and processing 2023 federal income tax returns. The deadline for filing for most people is April 15th. People who miss the tax filing deadline will likely face a hefty penalty unless they ask for an extension.
ALT 98.7 News	2/1/24	7:00am	1:00	Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly's office and some Hamilton County Commissioners have come to a deal with the Looks owners and developers. The Mayor reassured council members that the final version of the deal will improve the city. During Tuesday's City council meeting some council members questioned if the baseball team is contributing too little and taxpayers are contributing too much. Both the council and county commission are expected to vote on the plan next week.
Issues Chattanooga	3/3/24	4:45am	15:00	The preparing for taxes is not an enjoyable task but it is a necessary evil. The importance is to know what you are doing, what is required, when our taxes are do and how we can know who can be trusted to help if needed.

ALT 98.7 News 3/13/24 8:00am 1:00 Georgia's primaries are today. In Catoosa County people will find a choice to continue or end a specifics say the tax known like public safety and infrastructure. While some people worry that tax is more of a burden than anything else county officials argue it's the best option.

ALT 98.7 News 3/14/24 6:00am 1:00 A bill making its way through legislature would probability state and local governments from taxing groceries. State Senator Charlene Olive presented the bill yesterday in the senate finance ways and means revenue subcommittee. It received a negative recommendation now facing an uphill battle. The senate version of this bill will now advance to the full finance committee.

ALT 98.7 News 3/18/24 7:00am 1:00 TVA says the company wants public input about what to do with its massive complex in downtown Chattanooga. When it opened it had employed more than 50 thousand people. Officials tell us their staff is much smaller now thanks to technology. As far as a the building's future Chattanooga's suggested several ideas including tax revenue and affordable housing.

ALT 98.7 News 3/28/24 8:00am 1:00 Some state lawmakers in Georgia want to give some owners more incentives to be safe. That bill would let Georgia citizens opt into a 300 hundred dollar tax credit that can go toward safe gun storage or training. Last week the bill say support from both parties in the house and passed. It now heads to the senate.

Issues Chattanooga 3/31/24 4:45am 15:00 Mayor Wamp gave his State of the County address. He talked about education, tax and education dollars. Education is very important in this area and discussed how our taxes will be used to improve the education system.

TOURISM

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ALT 98.7 News	1/1/24	6:00am	1:00	Downtown Chattanooga is celebrating the start of the new year with free, New Year's Eve Party. Chattanooga's Parks and Outdoor Department says they're partnering with sound corps to host the event. It's set to take place between Aquarium Way and 3rd Street with a stage and live music all starting at 8 pm.
ALT 98.7 News	1/8/24	7:00am	1:00	The estimated cost of the new Lookout's stadium has increased from 80 to 120 million dollars. The foundry site's master developer says unprecedented global inflation has caused the escalation in the originally projected cost of the ballpark. However they say the deal has not changed substantially for taxpayers as the landowners and the Lookouts themselves are offering to assume the extra cost.
ALT 98.7 News	1/11/24	8:00am	1:00	The Bonaroo Music Festival returns to middle Tennessee this summer. Organizers announced this year's lineup on social media yesterday. Some of the main headliners include pretty lights, red hot chili peppers, post malone and fisher. The festival in Manchester will begin on Thursday June 13th and continue until Saturday the 16th.
ALT 98.7 News	1/29/24	6:00am	1:00	Chattanooga will not host the Moon River Music Festival this year. An announcement on social media says the festival is expected to return on 2025. Organizers say challenges outside of their control led to this decision. The festival is typically held in Coolidge Park. Last year's festival included artists like "Need To Breathe, Noah Cyrus and Houndmouth".
ALT 98.7 News	2/15/24	7:00am	1:00	An iconic Chattanooga attraction will temporarily close starting next week. The Lookout Mountain Incline Railway will get scheduled maintenance starting next Wednesday. CARTA says the plan right now is to reopen it on March 12th. Any updates will be posted on the incline's website.
Issues Chattanooga	2/25/24	4:45am	15:00	Hannah Tembert with Chattanooga Tourism Company and Tim Morgan with Chattanooga Sports talked about how many incredible ways to exercise and enjoy the outside of a beautiful area. They listed many things people can do and how they help visitors and local citizens enjoy the Chattanooga area.

ALT 98.7 News 2/29/24 8:00am 1:00 Chattanooga's City Council voted to approve the memorandum of understanding for the South Broad Development Project at their meeting yesterday. Hamilton County Commissioners now expected to cast their votes today. Under this plan the city will contribute more money than the county. If the MOU passes this week the Industrial Development Board will vote on it. The commission and sports authority will then hold a final vote.

ALT 98.7 News 3/18/24 6:00am 1:00 Chattanooga and Hamilton County are moving closer to turning the old Wheland Foundry and US Pipe site into a new Lookouts Stadium. The sports authority is set to hold the final vote relating to the financing and development of the site today. Hamilton County Commissioners and City Council member approved a "Memorandum of Understanding" last month. Right now the estimated cost of the multi-use stadium is 120 million dollars.

ALT 98.7 News 3/28/24 7:00am 1:00 The Chattanooga Lookouts will wear a new temporary nickname this season. The team unveiled the alternate jerseys and name yesterday the Chattanooga Wreckers. They will use these new jersey's during 6 games this season. The Lookouts way these jerseys honor Chattanooga's history as the birthplace of the wrecker truck.

Health

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ALT 98.7 News	1/23/24	6:00am	1:00	Saturday was the first ay of "Pink!" week here in Chattanooga. It's a community fundraiser supporting the Mary-Ellen Locher Breast Center. A member of the Mayor's office presenter a proclamation for pink week Friday as it celebrates it's 5th years here in the scenic city. Many businesses will light their buildings pink or have employees wear pink this week.

ALT 98.7 News	1/26/24	7:00am	1:00	A new lawsuit claims Erlanger Hospital made false reports to Medicare and double booked resident involved surgeries. Three former physicians say the hospital overlapped thousands of surgeries and left residents alone to conduct them without supervision. The suit says Erlanger then submitted claims to Medicare as it the "teaching physicians" were present throughout the procedure. A judge recently rejected Erlanger's motion to dismiss the case.
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Issues Chattanooga	1/28/24	4:45am	1:00	January is nurses appreciation month. We highlighted the importance of nurses. Not just the medical part of their jobs but also the nurtioning and comforting part of their jobs. Nurses keep the family comforted and at the same time doing the medical support in a terrific way.
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ALT 98.7 News	3/5/24	8:00am	1:00	Exciting news for Shaq fans and anyone looking for a new chicken sandwich spot. Today is the grand opening of the Hall of Farmer's Fast-food restaurant "Big Chicken" in Hixson. It's located on Hixson Pike near Northgate. Another location downtown is set open early next month. The first 34 guests in line today will receive a free monthly Big Chicken Sandwich for one year.
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ALT 98.7 News	3/13/24	6:00am	1:00	Measles is making a comeback according to the CDC. Data shows that 45 measles cases have been reported in 17 different states. In order to combat diseases like measles, health officials say vaccination rates should stay at 95% or higher. But in spokeTennessee the rate for children who received an MMR vaccine in 2023 is 90%. Besides a vaccination health experts we spoke with say that isolation is the only other way to combat measles.
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ALT 98.7 News	3/13/24	7:00am	1:00	A Hamilton County Judge ruled a former EMT convicted of vehicular homicide should not get a new trial. A jury found Justin Whaley was under the influence of alcohol when he caused a deadly crash on
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Highway 111 back in 2018. Whaley' attorneys had claimed there was a problem with the evidence. His attorney's still have a chance to appeal the judge's decision.

ALT 98.7 News 3/26/24 8:00am 1:00 Chattanooga Parks
and Outdoors celebrated the grand opening of a new playground Sunday. The playground is at
Boulevard Park near Rossville. Chattanooga Parks and Outdoors thanked play core for their
donation. Nearly 200 small trees and shrubs were added to revamp the parking lot.

Environment

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ALT 98.7 News	1/19/24	6:00am	1:00	The Tennessee Valley Authority says power availability is back to normal and customers do not have to limit use of major appliances anymore. The utility says they experienced record high demand yesterday morning. They reached a power peak of around 34 thousand 500 mega watts. That's higher than the previous record from August of 2007.
ALT 98.7 News	1/23/24	7:00am	1:00	A town hall be held tomorrow at Sale Creek High School to give the community a chance to be part of the planning of the McDonald Farm site. This comes after Governor Bill Lee approved 3 million dollars in grants to improve the site. Hamilton County purchased the property back in 2021 but later found a sinkhole. The Beacon Center claims the county will have to spend at least 1 million dollars to fix the problem.
ALT 98.7 News	1/24/24	8:00am	1:00	Major water leaks have led to a city-wide water outage Copperhill according to officials. The city had warned residents to conserve water all day on Sunday while crews worked to find the leak. So far workers have reportedly located and repaired 50 leaks but there's one main leak underground that still has not been found.
ALT 98.7 News	1/25/24	6:00am	1:00	The Sale Creek Community made it clear to Hamilton County officials last night about what they want for the McDonal Farm site during a town hall. Their biggest concern is the land being developed for industrial use. Hamilton County purchased McDonald Farm back in 2021 but they later found a sinkhole on the property. Earlier this month the county's planning commission approved a rezoning recommendation for the property.
ALT 98.7 News	1/25/24	7:00am	1:00	Tennessee American Water responded to two water main breaks yesterday. One in Saint Elmo and another in Lookout Valley. Crews had to make emergency repairs and the work ended last night around 10. Tennessee American says they sent out alerts to more than 37 hundred customers. They also expect more main breaks in the coming days following the winter weather.
ALT 98.7 News	2/7/24	8:00am	1:00	A Tennessee non-profit group with a goal to keep the Tennessee River clean received their largest donation ever last week...more than 79 thousand dollars. "Keep The Tennessee River Beautiful" says that will

Minority Issues

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ALT 98.7 News	1/1/24	7:00am	1:00	A federal judge has accepted new congressional and legislative voting district maps in Georgia. The judge says the redrawn maps protect Republican partisan advantages. It also creates new majority-black voting districts which solves the illegal minority vote dilution. The added districts include one in congress, second in the state senate and 5 in the state house.
ALT 98.7 News	1/9/24	6:00am	1:00	A bill filed in the Tennessee House this week would prohibit untrained service animals from entering restaurants. Representative Kirk Haston filed the bill back on Wednesday. The legislation would keep live animals out of food service establishments. The legislation also mentions live fish or crustaceans in aquariums or displays tanks.
ALT 98.7 News	1/16/24	8:00am	1:00	Today marks the federal holiday honoring the birth of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This past weekend people traveled from near and far to visit King's birth home in Atlanta. But visitors hoping to go inside could not access it. The National Park Service has put up a security fence around the house after a woman allegedly tried to burn it down last month.
ALT 98.7 News	1/17/24	6:00am	1:00	Several shelters are open to help residents get out of the winter weather. That includes Dalton's greater works on South Thornton Avenue. The Chatt Foundation on East 11th Street. The Chattanooga Rescue Mission off of South Holtzclaw Avenue. The Union Gospel Mission says homeless residents pass away every year during the cold weather.
ALT 98.7 News	2/1/24	7:00am	1:00	The Urban League of Chattanooga is pushes back on the county mayor's claims about they're spending. Late last year the county commission re-directed American Rescue Plan Act" funds meant for the Urban League and San-Kofa. Last week Mayor Weston Wamp said the Urban League had a questionable spending record including the purchase of expensive windows. CEO Candy Johnson says the organization did not break any rules.
ALT 98.7 News	2/1/24	8:00am	1:00	Tennessee's Department of Human Services says staffing shortages and computer problems created delays for food aid. Families in the state could go weeks longer without snap benefits because of the delay.

TDHS says 35 thousand applications are pending that are 30 days or older with can put families that need those benefits at risk.

Issues Chattanooga 2/4/24 4:45am 15:00 Alicia Cameron with the Bessie Smith Culture Center discussed the history of Bessie Smith, the importance the Culture Center plays in our area and how important it is for all to know the importance of the center can make in all lives.

Issues Chattanooga 2/11/24 4:45am 15:00 Diamond Kelly, the principal of Chattanooga Preparatory School for Men discussed the reason for the school beaming started and the difference it has already made in young African America men's lives.

ALT 98.7 News 2/14/24 6:00am 1:00 Mental Health Issues are near the top of the list of concerns from parents in Tennessee according to a new poll. 37% of those polled in the Vanderbilt Center for Child Health Policy's 2024 survey say student mental health is an issue. The poll also cites school quality bullying gun violence and drug use as other concerns from parents. Districts in our area use coordinated student health services to provide mental health resources for students.

ALT 98.7 News 2/27/24 7:00am 1:00 Hamilton County leaders opened the county's first senior and community center Friday. It's called "The Harrison Center". The facility features an auditorium ran center office space meeting rooms and classrooms. It also includes space dedicated for the forgotten child fund a nonprofit run by local first responders who collect Christmas gift for kids in need.

ALT 98.7 News 3/6/24 8:00am 1:00 The Regional Planning Agency says Chattanooga and Hamilton County will likely need 46 thousand new housing units over the next 2 decades. The say more than 75 thousand students are enrolled in county schools and colleges right now. They expect many of those students to stick around after they graduate. The RPA says projects like the Chattanooga Airport expansion the new Lookouts Stadium and the McDonald Farm are expected to attract people to our area.

ALT 98.7 News 3/14/24 6:00am 1:00 The Affordable Housing Committee presented a new pilot program Tuesday. They say the program is designed to lower rent across Chattanooga. The city has one option for developers who want to be a part of the program. If the developer rents out half of their units below the 80% area median income

or AMI they qualify for a higher reduction in taxes owed. The new proposed model would offer an incentive for developers to rent out at varying AMI's.

ALT 98.7 News 3/19/24 7:00am 1:00 Law enforcement agencies in Tennessee could soon have to report undocumented migrants to federal authorities. Senate bill 25-76 in the general assembly would require state agencies to communicate with immigration officials if they discover people are in the country illegally. Opponents argue this bill unfairly puts the responsibility for the border crisis on smaller law enforcement agencies. Senators in the state and local government committee reviewed the bill Friday.

TRANSPORTATION

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
ALT 98.7 News	1/3/24	6:00am	1:00	Chattanooga drivers can expect shifted traffic patterns to remain on Frazier Avenue for one more week. The changes were in response to the death of two pedestrians on Frazier Avenue in late November. Authorities arrested Randy Vega after the crash. He faces multiple charges including driving under the influence. Vega is expected back in court on January 10th.
ALT 98.7 News	1/5/24	7:00am	1:00	If you own an electric vehicle in Tennessee you can expect to pay more this year. The annual renewal fee for EV Drivers has doubled since last year. It jumped from 100 to 200 dollars. One of T-DOT's main sources of revenue comes from the state's gas tax. As more drivers buy electric vehicles T-Dot receives less money from those taxes.
Issues Chattanooga	1/14/24	4:45am	15:00	TDOT discussed the widening of East Brainerd Road. They explained the process, the handling of traffic during school hours and their goal of when to be finished.
ALT 98.7 News	1/15/24	6:00am	1:00	The truck driver involved in the Collegedale train derailment over a year ago no longer faces charges. Police say Jorge Cruz Vega was carrying a concrete beam behind his truck. The vehicle stopped on the tracks and a Norfolk Southern train hit the beam derailing several cars. The court later said they would dismiss charges if Cruz Vega agreed to certain conditions.
ALT 98.7 News	1/15/24	8:00am	1:00	As weather conditions are expected to change. The Tennessee Department of Transportation says they're prepared to keep our roadways safe this winter. A director with T-Dot says each regions within the state has millions of dollars in their budget set aside in case of ice and snow. This includes 240 thousand tons of salt more than 2 million gallons of brine and thousands of trucks on standby.
ALT 98.7 News	2/7/24	7:00am	1:00	The City of Chattanooga says the railroad crossing at Hamill Road will be closed for several days this week. Norfolk Southern is upgrading and replacing track there. The city says the crossing will be closed every day starting at 9am and continuing into the early evening. They expect the closure to continue until this Thursday.

ALT 98.7 News 2/14/24 6:00am 1:00 Phase 2 of the I-75/
I-24 split project is now 25% complete. That means a lot of detours and road blocks remain for
drivers who use that part of the interstate. T-DOT says part of the upcoming construction
includes the replacement of median barriers, guardrail signs and light poles. The department
says the project cost still sits at 161 million dollars after state officials locked that in back in
November of 2022.

ALT 98.7 News 2/19/24 8:00am 1:00 A road in Catoosa
County is closed for the next several months. That closure involves part of Poplar Springs Road
which the county expects to remain closed until August. Crews want to make repairs on the
stormwater drains there due to flooding concerns. Drivers will have to take a detour route onto
Alabama Highway and Holcomb.

ALT 98.7 News 3/21/24 7:00am 1:00 Train tracks could
soon carry you from Nashville to Atlanta with stops right here in Chattanooga. Tuesday night
the next step in the process to make the rail corridor possible moved forward. A resolution from
the Chattanooga City Council allowed for the next steps in the city receiving the funds awarded
for a comprehensive study. The study would examine what's needed to establish an AMTRAK
passenger rail service.

Religious Issues

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Issues Chattanooga	1/7/24	4:45am	15:00	Steven Kade is music artist. He visited the Union Gospel ministry. They help the homeless. He explained how music can help people in all living environment.
WUUQ FM News	1/30/24	6:00am	1:00	The 3rd annual Chattanooga-Area Chinese New Year Festival was held yesterday afternoon at the Collegedale Commons. It was hosted by High Point Chinese Seventh-Day Adventist Church. It's a holiday that symbolizes the end of the old and unwanted and the beginning of all things good and new. The celebration also served as a fundraising event as the church works toward their goal of building a community center of their own.