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SECOND QUARTER OF 2023—APRIL, MAY AND JUNE

During the months of April, May and June 2023, WGOL aired daily public service announcements on a regular basis. These range from a variety of spots about receiving small business tax incentives for pandemic employee retention to dates and times of area high school graduations.

Additionally, WGOL airs a daily community calendar twice a day with announcement for non-profit groups in our community. We aired announcements for many community events including high school graduations, free grocery bags for local residents and dates and times of area governmental meetings. And we aired registration information for youth athletic leagues in the Russellville Park and Recreation Department.

Some of the specific programs we aired relevant to local issues included:

April 4, 2023: Interview with former Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee Chairman Eddie Britton about his decision to resign as chairman, the state of the Alabama Democratic Party and a new organization he's formed to advocate for state retirees.

April 12, 2023: Interviewed heart transplant Trent Stephenson about his recent operation and a new organization he's formed to encourage Alabama residents to become organ donors. Stephenson's heart transplant came about 8 weeks prior to the interview and his announcement of the new organization.

April 28, 2023: Interviewed Steve Foshee, CEO of Freedom Fiber, a subsidiary of the Tombigbee Electric Cooperative, on his final day of work. Foshee spearheaded the broadband build out in Franklin County's rural areas

that are unserved and have no access to last-mile broadband. While other companies shunned the rural areas, Freedom Fiber's business model is to bring the internet to rural residents.

May 10, 2023: Phone interview with Marsha Inmon, faculty sponsor for the Tharptown High School Rocketry Team. The students earned a trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the finals of the American Rocketry Challenge, where they finished second. The event has student teams build and launch a rocket (with an egg as cargo) to a specified altitude within a specified time. It's a STEM program and Tharptown outscored large private schools and public schools across the country.

June 5, 2023: Interview with Russellville Hospital CEO about a new, state-of-the-art CT machine purchased by the hospital. When it was installed, it became the first in the nation of its type, in a rural community hospital. It will make a significant difference in the hospital's ability to do Cts, etc., onsite and not have to refer to other facilities.

June 15, 2023: Interview with Caleb Sherrill, the new Franklin County Assistant Engineer. Sherrill's first day on his new job was June 11<sup>th</sup>. Sherrill has worked across the country as a governmental engineer, and returned home to work for Franklin County. His duties include engineering studies for roadway repairs, bridge maintenance and repairs and navigating the grant process for state and federal funds available to local counties.

We continue to air daily updates on news matters related to the COVID-19 health crisis, including any changes or orders from Gov. Kay Ivey or the State of Alabama.