

WCRL QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAM LISTS

1st Quarter 2024

International, national Alabama and local news, sports and weather and area activities and events are community issues for Blount County and North Alabama. WCRL has provided broadcasts and information during the months of January, February and March.

Around the Town News is broadcast on WCRL Monday through Friday from 11:40 am until 12:15 pm to present news, sports, community news and weather.

The swap shop is broadcast Monday through Friday after the 11:00 am news to provide listeners the opportunity to buy, sell, give away or trade items or request maintenance or improvement services they need.

National and international news summaries from the FOX news network and weather forecasts are broadcast on the hour 24 hours a day.

Severe weather watches and warnings from the National Weather Service, the Blount County Emergency Management Agency and Blount County 911 are broadcast. The Blount County Commission provides county highway repair maintenance and closure information.

Alabama Cooperative Extension Service - a variety of programs and workshops.

The military and Beginning farmer Direct Meat Marketing Workshop - Thursday, January 11, 2024.

Prescribed Burn Training for Woodlands, March 4-8, for landowners. Safe burn techniques to reduce the chance of wildfires were demonstrated.

Fruit Pruning Workshop - Tuesday, February 27, 2024 in Cleveland.

Grant writing workshop for non-profit agencies, Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Private pesticide Application training - Oneonta February 21, 2004

Covered Bridge players at the Neely Theatre in Oneonta. "The Dinner Party", drama March 9-17, 2024

Alabama Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday Weekend Friday, February 23 thru Sunday February 25, 2024.

Blount County Churches - Noting services, meetings, singings, bible studies and special fund raising events for church cemetery maintenance.

Blount County Chamber of Commerce

Nominations for seven annual awards requested to be made to the Chamber during January through February 16. Individuals, Businesses, volunteers, citizens and industry of the year. The awards dinner Tuesday March 19, 2024.

Alabama State Senate Special Election for Blount County District. Monday, January 9, 2024
Blount County Probate Judge Chris Green came and discussed the importance of the Tuesday January 9 special election for a replacement Senator for a district covering a portion of Blount County.

Alabama Record Collectors Association Record and CD Show in Gardendale. Friday and Saturday March 1 and 2 (43th Annual Show- exhibitors from 47 states)

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program. Requested applications from senior citizens to qualify for food benefits during the summer of 2024 for fresh fruits and vegetables from certified Alabama farmers markets. Benefits issued by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries.

Military Veteran and Beginning Farmer Resource Program Series. Monthly meetings during 2024 at the North Alabama Agriplex in Cullman. The programs will provide information and guidance for agriculture and farm operations, marketing and management.

Blountsville Historical Society Daffodil Festival at the Blountsville Historical Park on Saturday April 6, Requested attendance for the festival including events for food and craft vendors, crafts children craft projects, bluegrass music and a vintage car show.

Health and Wellness Fair presented by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center at the Gym in Oneonta, Monday, March 18. Vendors presented resources for improving and maintaining health for Blount County residents.

The Fleet Reserve Association serves United States Navy, Marines and Coast Guard military veterans, and is organizing a unit in Blount County. Introduced Mr. Frank Cannon as the local service officer to be contacted by veterans to join the unit.

Warehouse Expo Gun and Knife show scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7 in Oneonta. Sponsored by the Community Arts Council of Blount County, with proceeds to be used to support the activities of the arts council.

Positive Maturity Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Seeking to involve Blount County residents age 55 or older in 29 areas of volunteer service supporting a variety of causes and community issues.

Lester Memorial Methodist Church in Oneonta 100th Anniversary Celebration. First worship service held in the current sanctuary was March 30, 1924. The four Sundays in April will have

services recognizing the history of the church during the 100 years. Discussed the plans for the event with Jim Kilgore, a planning committee member.

2024 Oneonta Easter Holy Week Services Palm Sunday, March 24 through Good Friday, March 29 at the Lester Memorial Methodist Church on Sunday March 24 and at the Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church at 12 noon on March 25 through March 29.

Trinity Baptist Church - Nectar Community Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt Saturday, March 30.

Recognized February as Black History Month and Heart Health month, and March as International Women's Month. Encouraged awareness of exploring black history, improving heart health and learning about the importance of improvements to society by women.

Tuesday, March 7 - Alabama Primary Election Day. Encouraged voting participation with candidate and amendment sample ballot review with awareness of voting location and hours of operation. One local amendment proposed additional funding for hazardous duty for some members of the Blount County Sheriff's Department.

Oneonta Public Library - Reviewed Monday through Saturday schedules for each month. On Tuesday, the Knit Knot group provides training for knitting, crochet, needlepoint and cross stitch. The Wednesday story time provides reading, crafts and music opportunities for Pre-K children. The Thursday English as a Second language (ESL) class strengthens adult English comprehension, speech, and writing skills. The Saturday LEGO Club develops children and youth creativity and imagination for LEGO builders. Thursday offers adult craft projects and book club discussions.

Alabama Beekeepers Association Spring Beekeeping Management Practice Workshop at the Auburn University Bee Lab - Saturday, March 23 at Auburn.

Alabama People Against A Littered State (PALS) 2024 Blount County PALS April cleanup month - Keep Blount County Beautiful Designated by the Blount County Commission participating organization registration requested.

2024 Northeast Alabama Private Pesticide Applicators Training Course - Presented by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System in seven counties during January through March. Blount County February 21.

2024 Blount County Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. March 7 at Anchors Church in Oneonta. The 2024 inductees include seven individuals and two football teams and one girls softball team.

Oneonta Senior Center- Toiletry Drive during March and April. Request for donation of personal care items to be used to prepare kits to be given to needy senior citizens. Reviewed Monday

through Friday center schedules serving those age 55 and older. Games, bingo, musical, health and special topics programs and low impact flexibility and exercise activities develop and maintain health and social qualities.

Friends of the Locust Fork River - request for volunteers to staff the Locust Fork Whitewater Classic Kayak races at King's Ben in Cleveland on April 6 & 7.

2024 Art, photography, video and poetry contest. Poetry is a new contest category this year. Haiku (a poem form used to describe nature and natural resources) Poem workshops were scheduled for the Oneonta Senior Center on March 18, the Oneonta Public Library on March 28 and the Blountsville Public Library on April 3. Participation in the other categories was requested.

Blount County Master Gardeners Lunch and Learn programs. Third Wednesday of each month at different Blount County locations - sharing gardening ideas and tips with a different topic each month. Sponsored by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

Sensory inclusive and friendly Easter egg hunt for children with special needs at the Oneonta Recreation Park. Saturday, March 23 sponsored by the City of Oneonta.

Blount County Farmers Market - Oneonta - Seeking to hire two market managers to work together during the market season. Applications requested to be submitted by April 15. The agri-business center is being renovated. It has served as the location for the farmers market for years. The new market location will be announced in May.

2024 Blount County Schools basketball tournament at Locust Fork Monday, January 22 through Saturday, January 27 for four tournaments. Junior varsity girls and varsity boys. WCRL broadcasted 19 tournament games.

2024 Area, Region and State basketball tournament coordinated by the Alabama High School Athletic Association. WCRL broadcasted select games for Blount County schools that qualified for varsity girls and varsity boys tournaments during February. Appalachian, Locust Fork, and Susan Moore High School varsity girls and varsity boys teams. The Oneonta High School varsity boys team played in regional tournaments. The Locust Fork High School varsity boys team to the Class 2A State Tournament in Birmingham - The Final Four. Locust Fork was defeated by Mars Hill High School in the first round.

