

ISSUES/PROGRAMS 2023

1st Quarter 2023 "Tennessee Matters" Public Affairs Issues/Clearance

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1/7/23 - Federal Tort Claims Act

The United States federal government was ordered to pay over \$230,000 to victims of one of the largest mass shootings in the country where 26 people died and 22 more suffered injuries. This case was tried in federal court through the Federal Tort Claims Act and found the U.S. Government 60% liable for failing to provide the shooter's prior domestic violence convictions to the FBI. The case is similar to the mass shooting at Virginia Tech and others except the feds settled those cases and admitted their wrongdoing. The results of this case could have long-lasting effects on all states, including Tennessee. On Tennessee Matters, we're talking to a lead attorney in the Sutherland Springs Mass Shooting Case, Jamal Alsaffar.

1/14/23 - Covid 3 Years Later

On March 5, 2020, the Tennessee Department of Health announced the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Tennessee. Since that time, about 34% of the state's 7 million people reported testing positive for the virus and approx. 28,000 Tennesseans died. Former TN Dept. of Health Commissioner Dr. Lisa Piercey and Dr. Alex Jahangir as chair of the Metro Nashville Board of Health became the faces of public information during the pandemic crisis. On Tennessee Matters, John Clark talks with the two state health experts, looking back at the pandemic and the future of public health in Tennessee.

1/21/23 - TN Lottery

Since the Tennessee Lottery launched in 2004, more than \$6.7 billion has been raised for education programs in the state and it has funded nearly two million scholarships and grants. Students and families aren't the only ones who benefit. Lottery players have won more than \$13.8 billion in prizes, and retailers have earned more than \$1.3 billion in commissions. Funding from the Lottery has helped the state become a role model nationwide for helping make college degrees and certificates a reality for students throughout Tennessee. John Clark talked with Rebecca Paul, the President and CEO of the Tennessee Lottery, to learn more.

1/28/23 - Nashville Charter School

Nashville Classical Charter School began as the brainstorm of dedicated community activists and experienced urban educators. Their vision was a school - free, public, and open to all children - that would achieve a different result. Today, for 550 children, that vision is a reality. Let's listen as host John Clark learns more from Charles Friedman, Founder and Executive Director at Nashville Classical Charter School.

2/4/23 - Wildlife Resources Agency

If you love the outdoors, whether it's boating, hunting, fishing, or if you just like to observe wildlife, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency works to help enrich your outdoor experience. They are a state-run agency that preserves, conserves, manages, protects, and

enhances the fish and wildlife of the state and their habitats for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of all Tennesseans and visitors to the state. John Clark sat down to learn more from Executive Director Jason Maxedon.

2/11/23 - Curing Kids Cancer

In order to celebrate their son's life and fund research that will find cures for childhood cancer, Grainne and Clay Owen founded Curing Kids Cancer in 2005. The group believes that finding cures for childhood cancers also requires finding doctors and research facilities that are breaking new ground in pediatric cancer research. John Clark sat down with Grainne Owen to learn more.

2/18/23 - Safe At Home

Gone are the days of the big bulky phone book and calling the operator at 411. With domestic violence being reported by 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men, protecting your personal information is paramount. John Clark sat down with Stacy Scruggs, the Program Coordinator of the Safe At Home program in Tennessee to learn more about how we can protect our information.

2/25/23 - Dept. Human Resources

The State of Tennessee government is the largest employer in the Volunteer State. "TeamTN" works together to maintain infrastructure, protect natural resources, and develop thriving communities in a myriad of important positions. Have you ever thought about working for the State of Tennessee? John Clark sat down with Ylonda Banister, the Recruiting Executive Director for the State of Tennessee Human Resources Department to find out all of the details.

3/4/23 - Department of Human Resources

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3/11/23 - Dept. of Health Community Engagement

The Tennessee Department of Health in the Volunteer State worked hard to serve the public during the pandemic and through to today. One method includes the Office of Faith-Based and Community Engagement led by Elizabeth Hart which is part of the Division of Health Disparities Elimination. John Clark sat down with Ms. Hart to learn more.

3/18/23 - DCS Foster Care System

In Tennessee, the public school with the highest student enrollment is Collierville High School in Shelby County. It is a suburb of Memphis with 2,885 students. Also in Tennessee, there are 8,300 children in foster care - meaning it would take just shy of three of the state's largest schools to hold all of the students in need of a stable home. To learn more, let's hear from Talia Wisecarver, Department of Children's Services Foster Parent Recruitment Manager for the state of Tennessee.

3/25/23 - Consumers for Quality Care

Nonprofit hospitals operate as charities and are designed to deliver affordable and quality health care to everyone in their communities. However, despite their tax-exempt status, many nonprofit hospitals are practicing disturbing trends that put profits over patients - like ignoring a low-income patient's qualifications for financial assistance and pursuing predatory collection practices. Former CEO of the Indian Health Service Mary Smith also serves as a board member for Consumers for Quality Care. She tells us about the group's Nonprofit Hospital Scorecards designed to call out disturbing trends among nonprofit hospitals. The group also urges lawmakers to put an end to predatory hospital practices and ensure that nonprofit hospitals truly act like nonprofits. Let's get the details from Ms. Smith.

January:

- **1|17 - Interview w. Ruth Burkey: "coffee and a book"**
 - Ron on Radio Greeneville, Inc.
- **1|19 - Interview w. GC Mayor Kevin Morrison: (updates on what's going on in the county)**
 - Ron on Radio Greeneville, Inc.
- **1|20 - Interviewed Kassandra Messler & Kim Caraway: (Missing Teen Danielle Owens)**
 - Jennifer w. Radio Greeneville, Inc

February:

- **2/13 - Interview w. Talia Wisecarver: (Foster Care)**
 - Ron w. Radio Greeneville, Inc.
- **2/16 - Interview w. Ben Seidman: Magician & Comedian performing at Appalachian Auditorium 2/18**
 - Nathan Humbert on Radio Greeneville, Inc
- **02/17 - Interview w. Library Director Erin Evans: Book Sale in April/May**
 - Jennifer w. Radio Greeneville

March:

- **3|07 - Interview w. Gov. Bill Lee: State Infrastructure & Education**
 - Ron w. Radio Greeneville, Inc
- **3/08 - Interview w. GC Mayor Kevin Morrison: (updates on what's going on in the county)**
 - Ron w. Radio Greeneville, Inc.

- 3/22 - Interview w. Drew Denkins: Energy Assistant Program
 - Ron w. Radio Greeneville, Inc.

April:

- 04/05 - Interview w. Rural Resources
 - Ron w. Radio Greeneville
- 04/06 - Interview w. GC Property Assessor Chuck Jeffers: Mandated Reappraisal
 - Ron w. Radio Greeneville
- Interview w. GC Mayor Kevin Morrison: monthly update on County
 - Ron w. Radio Greeneville
- Interview w. Director of Greene Leaf Suzanne Richey: Royal Tea
 - Ron w. Radio Greeneville