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Public Affairs Programming



*East Tennessee Now*  
*WNFZ – Sundays 6:30-7:00 a.m.*



**WNFZ-94.3**

## **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Public Affairs/Programming Reports**

### **October-November-December 2023**

"East Tennessee Now" is a public affairs program hosted by Michele Silva which airs Sunday mornings on Knoxville radio station WNFZ. On the program, we address problems and issues affecting the people of Maryville, Knoxville and East Tennessee. Also discussed are possible solutions to these issues and problems.

"East Tennessee Now" is about 30 minutes in length and airs at 6:20am on WNFZ

#### **Aired October 1, 2023**

##### **KCBC: Celebrating 40 Years**

We talk to Dr. K of the Knoxville Comprehensive Breast center after starting here four decades ago. We talk about the importance of mammograms, self-breast exams and an event on October 5th in the lobby at KCBC. It's an anniversary celebration where people can meet the women and staff behind KCBC and learn more about the technology behind detecting breast cancer, treatment and success rates.

#### **Aired October 1, 2023**

##### **Pigeon Forge Tourism Growing**

After the 11th Jeep Invasion, Which is an event where more than 20,000 Jeeps take over the city and county, Leon Downey who is the Executive Director of the Pigeon Forge Department of Tourism, tells us about the money coming into the city and more improvements and new attractions coming including Crayola and Nerf in the coming years. More hotels are being built as well as high end properties! We also talk a little Winterfest and the millions of lights that attract thousands of people for this free event! There are already 80 attractions.

**Aired October 8, 2023**

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### **Wreaths Across America**

On December 16, 2023, volunteers will place wreaths on our heroes headstones at three veterans' cemeteries in Knox County. It's about honoring, remembering and teaching others the sacrifice soldiers made for us. Guest: Chris Albrecht/Organizer of KnoxWreaths.org says fundraising is underway for those wreaths. We need more than 18,000 of them and they are \$17 each. Chris tells us the story how the program got started and the importance of it in the community. [Knoxwreaths.org](http://Knoxwreaths.org)

**Aired October 29, 2023**

### **Bazillion Blooms with Dogwood Arts Program**

Vicky Baumgartner and Shannon Herron with the program talk about how Dogwood Arts is on a mission to Keep Knoxville Blooming and make it easy for residents to make a difference—one tree at a time. Beautify your own landscape, honor someone special, or donate a tree to the Dogwood Trails and Keep Knoxville Blooming for years to come! Pick-Up & Plant Yourself: (1-4 trees are \$25/each or order 5+ for \$20/each) Trees ordered through November 16, 2023 will be available for pickup from the Dogwood Arts office on Friday, December 8th from 10AM-5M & Saturday, December 9th from 9AM-12PM. Gift Trees: \$35/each & includes commemorative card mailed to the recipient of your choosing.

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**Aired November 12, 2023**

**Locals in Israeli War**

Local anchor at WVLT-TV, Alan Williams was one of 12 people from a local church visiting Israel at the time the war started. We talked about their mission originally and how plans changed and they feared for their lives. He was fortunate to connect with people from our area. Hear how they helped while Williams and his wife were in the country that turned into a warzone. His thoughts about it all as he came home and his take-away from this trip to Israel.

**Aired November 19, 2023**

**Childhelp Christmas**

Guest is Eddie Smith: There are almost 9,000 kids in foster care in the Tennessee with 680 children in Knox County alone. Childhelp Tennessee in Knoxville is working tirelessly to bring Christmas to 350 of them in their programs. These are children who have been removed from their homes or parents for one reason or another. We talk about signs of child abuse or neglect. The public can help by adopting an angel and shop for a child or make a monetary donation. Deadline to get gifts in to Childhelp or your monetary contribution is December 12, 2023. The gifts are given out on December 16th and would be to be sorted and wrapped. Call 865-637-1753 or email: [info@childhelp.org](mailto:info@childhelp.org)

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### **Carecuts Expands**

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### **Beth Haynes 12 Days of Christmas**

This event is to benefit the McNabb Center. She explains this fun, online auction that benefits children and families served by the McNabb Center! Funds raised through the auction help more than 2,500 children and families with needs during the holiday season and throughout the year. The first 12 days of December, the Center will auction off more than 350 unique items and experiences. Bidders experience the joy of giving while purchasing unique gifts, and sponsors and donors from local and national businesses make the charitable countdown to Christmas possible.

**Aired December 17, 2023**

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### **Volunteer Transportation**

Nancy Welch, Executive Director is our guest and she talks about what the organization does for the community and how to sign up to volunteer. Volunteer Assisted Transportation provides rides for seniors and persons with disabilities, who need assistance to travel safely, by providing rides using agency-owned hybrid sedans and wheelchair-accessible minivans. The program goes to Doctor appointments, shopping, prescription pickup, and anywhere in Knox County.



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