Issues and Programs (2023) January - March

Agriculture update - morning agriculture information at 6:30 on Saturday mornings (pertinent information for farmers about issues from the UT Extension Center of Loudon County) topics vary depending on needs of the community

Mental Health- WLIL has worked closely with the Prevention Alliance by running a series of announcements about how to spot mental issues and also running a number of programs about mental illness and depression. In the last quarter we did several programs about drinking and pertinent facts.

Senior adult issues - WLIL features weekly updates to help senior adults with answers to many of their issues with government programs. Monthly information is provided. The station also works with The Good Samaritan Center about providing food distribution and help for utilities for the elderly. IVLIL did a special series for Thanksgiving and a major food distribution..

Opioids,drugs and alcohol. WLIL receives information from local government offices and then makes announcements about ways to get the needed help. The station worked closely with the District Attorney's office to help with rehabilitation of former drug abusers.

Literacy - WLIL makes announcements to help the listening audience find opportunities to learn

to read. information is provided by local support agencies including the local library. A number of programs have been run with the aid of the Literacy coundil and the library.

Worker shortage - The need for employees for local businesses. WLIL makes announcements about the need for workers, getting information from local agencies including the business community and chamber of commerce. This is currently an ongoing problem and we have worked closely with the Chamber of Commerce trying to find employees.

Local government - The Loudon County mayor does bi - weekly reports to better inform the community about what is happening. The Lenoir City mayor appeared a number of times to answer questions about various projects.