

WDSI-TV

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Below is a list of some of the significant issues responded to by WDSI-TV, Chattanooga, TN, along with the most significant treatment of those issues for the period October 1, 2023 –December 31, 2023. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Regular Programs					
Description of Issue	Regular Program	Air Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type
Public Health					
'The volume is much higher:' Erlanger in Chattanooga sees peak in RSV	GMC FOX Edition	12/06/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	1:45	Doctors in Chattanooga tell us they're seeing a rise in childhood illnesses. According to the CDC, RSV season is in full swing and flu season has just begun. One local pediatric ER physician says she's seeing it in Erlanger emergency rooms.
Tennessee doctor hopeful about FDA-approved sickle cell disease treatment, but says it's not without risks	GMC FOX Edition	12/12/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P -2P	1:30	One Tennessee doctor says scientists may be one step closer to finding the cure for sickle cell disease. Regulators on Friday approved two gene therapies for sickle cell disease that doctors hope can cure the

					painful blood disorder.
'Take down the stigma:' Erlanger to open facility addressing Chattanooga's mental health needs	GMC FOX Edition	12/06/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	Erlanger is bringing a new facility to Chattanooga that will help address increasing mental health needs, particularly for adults with more complex treatment needs. Erlanger's behavioral health hospital has admitted nearly 15,000 patients and served more than 800 outpatient programs since opening in 2018. Now, that treatment is expanding in Hamilton County with the opening of Erlanger North's new Behavioral Health Facility.
Thanksgiving boarders, beware: Dog illness has Chattanooga veterinarians, pet owners concerned	GMC FOX Edition	11/22/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	Veterinarians and pet owners in Chattanooga are taking steps to keep their pups safe as a respiratory illness affecting dogs is on the rise around the country. Several states are reporting cases of an undetermined sickness that has hospitalized dogs

					and, in some cases, has been deadly.
Business / Economy					
Chattanooga residents fear mail delays as USPS proposes shifting some services to Nashville	GMC FOX Edition	11/28/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:15	Some Chattanooga residents are concerned about their mail after a proposal to move some postal services to Nashville. This is in regard to the postal processing facility on Shallowford Road.
31 more cents per gallon: Resumption of gas tax in Georgia hits small businesses before holidays	GMC FOX Edition	11/30/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	If you live in Georgia and didn't get gas until Wednesday, you were in for a rude surprise. That's because Governor Brian Kemp's suspension of the gas tax expired at midnight. That means that drivers will now be paying 31.2 cents more per gallon of unleaded. And some drivers are frustrated.
Time to shop local: Chattanooga businesses gear up for Small Business Saturday sales	GMC FOX Edition	11/24/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	It's easy to get caught up in the madness of Black Friday. But Small Business Saturday gives you the

					opportunity to buy something unique for your loved ones. And shopping local at businesses like the ones on Chattanooga's North Shore means supporting your community.
Proposal to include businesses in Ooltewah-Georgetown development faces roadblock Monday	GMC FOX Edition	11/13/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	Proposal to include businesses in Ooltewah-Georgetown development faces roadblock Monday. A planned development already under fire from residents is facing another roadblock in Chattanooga. Specifically, plans to add places for businesses as part of an Ooltewah area already designated for homes. This development would be right off Ooltewah-Georgetown Road, near the interstate.
IRONMAN Triathlon helpful boost for Chattanooga's economy with increase in tourism	GMC: FOX Edition	10/03/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	Thousands of athletes were in Chattanooga a little more than 1 week ago, for the IRONMAN Triathlon. The

					large-scale event takes several weeks of preparation for organizers and athletes alike. Tuesday we found out how much this year's Ironman helped the city's economy.
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Charity / Community					
Tennessee residents turn to local food banks as thousands lose SNAP benefits due to backlog	GMC FOX Edition	12/12/23	Newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	Thousands of Tennesseans have fallen off of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Leaving many families turning to local food banks like the one here in Chattanooga for

					their groceries. It's an issue some say has a big impact.
'Thank God for that broken Impala:' Car trouble brings Hamilton Co. women together	GMC FOX Edition	11/27/23	Newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:30	One Hamilton County woman is making sure her best friend gets the love and recognition she gives back to so many others. Bliss Zechman surprises her on this week's Pay it Forward sponsored by the McMahan Law Firm.
Haunted Trail in Cleveland hosts fundraiser for Liv -- In The Journey Foundation	GMC FOX Edition	10/21/23	Newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	This front lawn is decorated with animatronics, witches, clowns, and ghouls of the night. And what seems like just Halloween spirit has an act of charity behind it. The Haunted Trail fundraiser is in memory of 9-year-old Olivia Weatherford, a young girl from Cleveland who battled bravely against cancer for years. The Liv — In The Journey Foundation is the recipient of these funds and was created to honor Olivia.
Meigs County toddler celebrates last	GMC: FOX Edition	12/29/23	Newscast is rebroadcast 12P – 2P	1:00	The family of a Meigs County toddler who has

chemo treatment after big sister's inspiring fundraiser				<p>been helping not only their child, but others who are fighting cancer, has a big reason to celebrate!</p> <p>After 814 days, Mallie Arp's mother says her 3-year-old rang the bell this week as the toddler marked her last chemotherapy treatment.</p>
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Children / Schools					
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Tennessee lawmakers urged to consider taking drivers licenses away from teens convicted of threatening schools	GMC FOX Edition	10/26/23	Newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	Some parents are pushing Tennessee lawmakers to consider creating a law that would bring harsher punishment to any teen convicted of threatening a school. The law would take away that teenager's driver's license. On Thursday we dug into how this new punishment could affect students in our area.
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'Lenient' substitute teacher requirements in Tennessee raise student safety questions	GMC FOX Edition	11/03/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	How much do schools really know about the substitute teachers they hire? Becoming a substitute teacher in Tennessee only
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					has a few requirements. One of them is a background check. But the requirements in Tennessee may not be as strict as those in other states. And this is raising questions about how these lesser requirements might affect students.
'We want guardrails:' Hamilton County School Board members want stricter guidelines for school voucher program	GMC FOX Edition	12/11/23	Newscast is rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	Some Hamilton County School Board members say they want to safeguard county dollars from potential state overreach when it comes to school vouchers. Monday a few school board members held a town hall to workshop solutions to issues the district could face in 2024. They tell us they want to send a complete list to the General Assembly.
Final recommendations for changes at Hamilton County Schools revealed by committee	GMC FOX Edition	12/14/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	After months of study and public input, Hamilton County's School Superintendent revealed 2 possible plans for the future of several Hamilton

					County Schools on Thursday. We obtained a copy of the proposed changes that Dr. Justin Robertson will present to the Hamilton County School Board at their meeting Thursday night.
Public Safety					
Shattered glass: Dozens of tourists have windows broken in 2 Chattanooga parking lots Wednesday	GMC FOX Edition	10/11/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	Several guests at a downtown Chattanooga hotel had their trip turn for the worse early Wednesday morning. Dozens of cars had their windows broken out, and some vehicles had items taken from them.
Hamilton County D.A. Wamp boasts of 14 charged teens transferred to adult court in 2023	GMC FOX Edition	12/21/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	0:45	14 teenagers in Hamilton County accused of dangerous crimes had their cases successfully moved from juvenile to adult court, Hamilton County District Attorney Coty Wamp boasted in a release on Thursday. One on the list was 14 years old at the time of his transfer to adult

					court. 2 others were 15. One teenager on the list is now deceased.
Shoplifting spree: Cleveland theft raises questions about a growing trend	GMC FOX Edition	10/16/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	Three women and one juvenile are facing charges after a shoplifting attempt in Cleveland over the weekend. It's an issue that police say is a growing problem throughout our viewing area.
Latest carjacking incident highlights alarming crime trend among Chattanooga teenagers	GMC FOX Edition	11/13/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	3 young teenagers face charges after police say they stole a car at gunpoint Sunday. Police say the teens then led officers on a chase. This is just the latest of several cases involving teens in Chattanooga this year.
Government					
Audit finds Tennessee prisons severely understaffed, officers worried about safety	GMC FOX Edition	12/18/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	0:45	Tennessee prisons are severely understaffed, with a vacancy rate at one prison of 61%, leading to unsafe conditions for both inmates and guards, a state audit of the

					prison system found.
'In-house cleaning in order:' State audit finds TDOT with short staff, major project backlog	GMC FOX Edition	12/12/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	An audit by Tennessee's comptroller finds the state department of transportation faces staffing shortages and billions of dollars in project backlogs. In fact, the report found that it would take 50 years for TDOT to complete road projects worth \$16 billion.
A year later, we see progress Tennessee's Department of Children's Services has made since scathing 2022 audit	GMC FOX Edition	11/15/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	A 2022 audit of Tennessee's Department of Children's Services found kids had been sleeping in offices for several nights as they waited for placement. Almost 1 year later, we've learned more about the agency's road to improvement and what still needs to be fixed.
Property owned by Hamilton County dinged in Tennessee watchdog group's 'Pork Report 2023'	GMC FOX Edition	12/13/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	0:45	Once again, property purchased by Hamilton County has made a conservative watchdog group's annual "Pork Report." The Beacon Center's annual report

					aims to point out government waste at the expense of taxpayers.
Regularly Scheduled Programs					
Local news, weather, current world events	GMC FOX Edition	Monday – Friday 12P – 2P	In GMC FOX Edition Rebroadcast	2 hours	Local and world news events and local weather information
Public Service Announcements					
<p>Station WDSI-TV, Chattanooga, TN aired public service announcements during this quarter, covering a number of topics that range from education, health, public safety, etc. These public service announcements air at various times and may run anywhere from 0:05 seconds to 0:90 seconds in length. Station WDSI-TV regularly airs public notice announcements notifying the public about the availability of children’s programming, equal employment opportunity, and public file reports. Station WDSI is a participating station in our area’s Emergency Alert system.</p>					
Ad Council Diabetes Testing	GMC: FOX Edition	Monday - Friday	In GMC FOX Edition Rebroadcast	:09	Provides info on diabetes testing
Kids Appreciate Nature Kids Values	GMC: FOX Edition	Monday - Friday	In GMC FOX Edition Rebroadcast	:04	Teaching kids the importance of nature
CDM Ignite Discovery at The Creative Discovery	GMC: FOX Edition	Monday - Friday	In GMC FOX Edition Rebroadcast	:30	Come see the local Creative Discovery and see what they have to offer
Flu Awareness	GMC: FOX Edition	Monday - Friday	In GMC FOX Edition Rebroadcast	:30	Get your flu shot for the Winter
Anybody Can be a Volunteer. The National Volunteer Fire Council	GMC: FOX Edition	Monday - Friday	In GMC FOX Edition Rebroadcast	:30	Learn about all of the volunteer opportunities
Community Activities					
First Responders Day	NewsChannel9 on air team	10/25/23	In GMC FOX Edition Rebroadcast	Various Cut-ins	We paid tribute to all first

					responders in the Chattanooga area
Coats for Kids	NewsChannel9 on air team	11/30/23	In GMC FOX Edition Rebroadcast	Various cut-ins	Our annual fundraiser got thousands of new coats to kids who need them in our viewing area.
Battle of the Bells	NewsChannel9 on air team	12/14/23	In GMC FOX Edition Rebroadcast	Various Cut-ins	We rang bells at Hamilton Place Mall to help raise money for the Salvation Army in Chattanooga.
Personal Appearances					
Ryan Gold, NewsChannel9 Meteorologist	Soddy Daisy Elementary School	12/16/23	Morning	Time for talk & visit & questions from the class varies	Ryan talked about weather at Soddy-Daisy Elementary
Latricia Thomas, NewsChannel9 anchor	Westview Elementary	10/27/23	Afternoon	Time for talk & visit & questions from the class varies	Latricia visited Westview Elementary for career day.
Lexie Horvath, NewsChannel9 Meteorologist	Varnell Elementary	11/27/23	Morning	Time for talk & visit & questions from the class varies	Lexie spoke about storm safety at Varnell Elementary School.
Ryan Gold, NewsChannel9 Meteorologist	Cloud Springs Elementary School	10/26/23	Morning	Time for talk & visit & questions from the class varies	Ryan spoke with 1 st graders at Cloud Springs Elementary about weather.

