

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 July 1, 2023 – September 30, 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					
Tennessee attorney general announces opioid lawsuit settlement with Food City	GMC FOX Edition	09/21/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	:45	Tennessee's attorney general says the state has reached a settlement with the company that owns Food City grocery stores in a lawsuit that claimed the company profited from the opioid epidemic.
Over-the-counter birth control is coming to the Chattanooga area: What are the benefits, risks?	GMC FOX Edition	07/13/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P -2P	2:00	For the first time, women will be able to buy birth control without a prescription. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced Thursday that it's approving Opill, the first over-the-counter birth control pill, from drugmaker Perrigo. The company says it won't start shipping the pill until early next year, and there

					<p>will be no age restrictions on sales.</p> <p>So what will this mean for women in the Chattanooga area? We took a closer look on Thursday.</p>
<p>Lawsuit: BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee denied workers religious exemptions from COVID-19 vaccine mandate</p>	<p>GMC FOX Edition</p>	<p>09/08/23</p>	<p>newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>In a federal lawsuit, 3 former employees of BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee claim the insurer violated their civil rights when firing them after they were denied a religious exemption from the company's COVID-19 vaccine mandate.</p>
<p>Health alert: Chattanooga doctors warn of 'triple-demic' threat with onset of cold weather</p>	<p>GMC FOX Edition</p>	<p>09/18/23</p>	<p>newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P</p>	<p>2:30</p>	<p>Health experts in Chattanooga say there are 3 reasons for you to take extra steps to stay healthy as the temperatures fall. They're warning of a repeat of what happened last year, referred to as the 'triple-demic.' The three ailments you need to keep from catching? COVID-19, RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) and the flu.</p>

Business / Economy					
'We're on pins & needles:' Yellow truck driver says company's closing has him wondering what's next	GMC FOX Edition	07/31/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	One day after trucking company Yellow announced it has shut down operations and is headed for a bankruptcy filing, one employee who lives in Chattanooga and works in Ringgold says he's not sure what comes next.
Return to passenger rail in Tennessee: Long-awaited state report puts Chattanooga on the fast track	GMC FOX Edition	07/06/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	A new report in Tennessee is recommending the addition of passenger rail service across the state, with the city of Chattanooga taking a primary role.
140 jobs coming to Bradley County as Kroger announces new distribution operations facility	GMC FOX Edition	08/21/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	:30	140 new jobs are coming to Bradley County after the Kroger grocery chain announced it's building a new distribution operations facility there. A release from Tennessee's Department of Economic & Community Development says it will be known as a Central Fill facility, the 5th

					such location in the United States.
How much savings? Drivers react to Georgia governor suspending gas tax	GMC FOX Edition	09/12/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	Georgia's governor is again suspending state taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel, declaring a legal emergency over higher prices. The tax relief goes into effect at midnight on Wednesday and lasts through October 12th.
Recipe for Success: LAUNCH Chattanooga's Kitchen Incubator helps entrepreneurs grow	GMC: FOX Edition	09/12/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	A local organization that started back in 2011 has helped hundreds of businesses get their feet off the ground in the Tennessee Valley. In recent years, a new space for restaurants, food trucks, and catering companies has allowed the non-profit to further educate and prepare entrepreneurs for growth.
Charity / Community					
Chattanooga hero's long-overdue honor: Medal of Honor recipient celebrated in hometown parade	GMC FOX Edition	09/11/23	Newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	5:00	Monday saw a welcome home celebration for a Chattanooga hero. Less than one week ago, the President placed the Medal

					of Honor around Captain Larry Taylor's neck.
Chattanooga woman works year-round, giving school supplies to Alton Park community	GMC FOX Edition	09/21/23	Newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:30	It's no question, money for school supplies is tight for many, right now. But one Chattanooga woman has been working for decades to make sure kids in Alton Park have the supplies they need. Bliss Zechman surprises her with \$500 from our partners at The McMahan Law Firm on this week's Pay it Forward.
A veteran and his wife in Cleveland get the keys to their new home	GMC FOX Edition	08/07/23	Newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	We've been telling the story of Vietnam Veteran Alvin Jackson and his wife Zandra for several years. On Saturday, veterans, first responders, elected officials, home builders and many others gathered in Cleveland as the Jackson family received their new home.
Children / Schools					
Homeschool heyday: Since	GMC FOX Edition	09/08/23	Newscast is Rebroadcast	2:00	Hamilton County Schools released

<p>pandemic, study finds it's up 17% in Tennessee, 20% in Georgia</p>			<p>12P – 2P</p>		<p>their 20th-day enrollment numbers on Monday. They show 44,884 students were enrolled in schools across the district on the 20th day of classes. That's down by 175 students from the previous year.</p>
<p>New bill provides Hamilton County Schools with funds for school security officers, but how do they differ from SROs?</p>	<p>GMC FOX Edition</p>	<p>08/31/23</p>	<p>newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P</p>	<p>2:00</p>	<p>More funding for school security could soon make its way to Hamilton County. This comes after the Tennessee Special Legislative Session ended this week. The majority of bills proposed at the state Capitol did not pass, but one of the few that did will provide \$10-million in additional funding for School Safety Grants.</p>
<p>Hamilton County's school facilities recommendations spark debate: A look into the future of education or a step too far?</p>	<p>GMC FOX Edition</p>	<p>09/14/23</p>	<p>Newscast is rebroadcast 12P – 2P</p>	<p>2:00</p>	<p>Last month, a task force revealed its specific recommendations designed to improve Hamilton County Schools. But some school board members raised concerns at a meeting on Thursday and said that these recommendations</p>

					are just the beginning of a larger conversation.
Sweating it out: Schools in Hamilton County address aging air conditioners	GMC FOX Edition	08/22/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	School has been in session in Hamilton County for the last 2 weeks, and many students are struggling to beat the heat while in class. This week's hot and muggy temperatures forced one school to cancel classes on Tuesday; Calvin Donaldson Elementary in downtown Chattanooga told students to stay home while a faulty air conditioning unit could be repaired.
Public Safety					
Autopsy reveals man killed by Chattanooga Police shot 14 times, as his parents continue to push for answers	GMC FOX Edition	09/13/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	An autopsy report we obtained Tuesday reveals that Roger Heard was shot a total of 14 times by Chattanooga Police officers shortly after he fired his weapon at them. The Hamilton County Medical Examiner's report reveals gunshot wounds as the

					cause of his death.
Shattered security: Some residents of Hixson apartment complex left feeling uneasy after deadly shooting	GMC FOX Edition	09/27/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:30	Some residents in Hixson say their sense of security is shattered after a deadly shooting in the parking lot of an apartment complex.
Crimes against people, property down, DUIs up in Chattanooga	GMC FOX Edition	07/07/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	Since the year began, Chattanooga Police say crimes against people are down by a little, and crimes against property are down by a lot. But DUIs are on the rise.
Youth violence big focus in TBI's annual 'Crime in Tennessee' report released Monday	GMC FOX Edition	07/10/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:30	The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation released its annual 'Crime in Tennessee' report Monday. The bureau reports decreases in rape, murder, and kidnapping incidents since last year. A big focus of the report was youth violence. Of the more than 100,000 Group A arrests made in 2022, including murder and rape, almost 8% of the arrests were involving juveniles.

Government					
WalletHub ranks Chattanooga '2nd worst-run' city in America	GMC FOX Edition	07/04/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	:30	The website WalletHub has just ranked Chattanooga the 2nd worst-run city in the U.S. The study posted late last month has the Scenic City at 148th out of a total of 149 cities it looked at; only San Francisco ranks worse.
Your money: Chattanooga City Council approves almost \$20,000 for UTC professor's social & equity study	GMC FOX Edition	09/20/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:00	Chattanooga City Council members gave the go ahead to a University of Tennessee at Chattanooga professor's study of social and equity in the Scenic City. It's a study that was initially called for by District 9 Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod as a way to observe potential disparities in Chattanooga.
Your money: State report finds Polk County clerk paid employees for work they didn't earn	GMC FOX Edition	09/12/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	:45	Tennessee's top financial investigator says Polk County's Circuit Court Clerk paid several employees' wages they didn't

					earn. That ended up costing taxpayers more than \$123,000. That report says the clerk allowed several employees to submit timesheets claiming 40 hours per week.
Chattanooga's Westside poised for transformation: Major projects aim for mixed-income communities amid concerns	GMC FOX Edition	09/26/23	newscast is Rebroadcast 12P – 2P	2:30	Major changes are coming for Chattanooga's Westside, with 2 massive projects in the works right next to each other. On Tuesday, Chattanooga's City Council discussed a plan that includes giving Chattanooga's oldest and largest public housing complex a makeover. There were previous concerns that the new developments would not benefit low income families. The developers say the goal is to no longer have pockets of severe poverty and, instead create mixed-income communities.

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					
Weather Alert Awareness	Newschannel9 weather team	In GMC FOX Edition Rebroadcast	In GMC FOX Edition Rebroadcast	various	Weather news team goes online with various schools in the surrounding area to talk about the importance of watching for severe weather

					and how important weather radios and weather apps on the cell phone are for their families.
Miracle League Moment: Awe-inspiring identical twins share that baseball is just one of their many talents	NewsChannel9 on air team	09/15/23	In GMC FOX Edition Rebroadcast	2:00	It's that time of year! Miracle League is starting its fall season Saturday morning. Every Friday before each game we feature an athlete who has an interesting story to share. To kick off this Miracle Moment, we're sharing the story of identical twins.
Weather radio event	All newscasts	08/10/23	In GMC FOX Edition Rebroadcast	various	COME JOIN US! We are holding a weather radio event all day long at Elder's Ace Hardwares on Highway 58 & in Middle Valley! Get that radio programmed to stay better informed!
Sinclair Cares: Summer Diaper Drive	All newscasts	08/10/23	In GMC FOX Edition rebroadcast	various	Nearly half of all American families struggle to provide diapers for their babies. To help combat "diaper need," Sinclair Broadcast Group is partnering with the National Diaper Bank

					<p>Network (NDBN) to help provide free diapers to those who need them via SinclairCares.com. The Sinclair Cares: Summer Diaper Drive campaign will also be supported by a \$25,000 donation from Sinclair.</p>