

Jobs: On October 10th Ricky Roten and Becky Greer with Wilkes Community College were our guests on our morning show from 8:30—8:39am. They dropped by to discuss the college's Job Fair, with specific details on how to prepare for your next job, resumes, dress, etc. November 21st, Tim Tucker with GE Aviation and Cathy Barr, Ashe County Economic Developer followed up the Job Fair visit with a more focused report on folks wishing to apply for employment at GE. They were on the show approximately 11 minutes and discussed in further detail specifics about the upcoming GE expansion, and what folks need to do to apply, etc.

Children's Trust Endowment: Jennifer Miller & Julie Landry were on WKSK's Happy Time Show October 13th approximately 8 minutes to discuss their annual endowment Halloween party/dinner to benefit children in Ashe County. They shared details of the event and how folks could get involved. The Children's Trust Endowment is part of the Ashe County 4-H program in Ashe County.

Children's Christmas Project: Pastor Owen Peeler from Bethany United Methodist Church and David Blackburn with the Ashe Baptist Association were on WKSK's Happy Time Show October 17th to discuss the annual Christmas Agency Project in our county. They were on the show approximately 10 minutes discussing how the project provides for so many under privileged kids who don't receive anything at Christmas. They shared stories of Hope, and how folks in our community can get involved and make a difference.

Senior Center-Tugfest: Bevin South, Executive Director of the Ashe Senior Center was on our morning show October 24th for approximately 7 minutes to discuss Tugfest. Tugfest is a new venture created by the Ashe Senior Center to honor the memory of Dana Tugman. The event was geared toward seniors in our community, the programs and housing opportunities available, and how the public can help.

Sales Tax Issue: Ashe County Hospital Chairman Tom Efford along with County Manager Sam Yearick appeared on WKSK's Happy Time Show October 29th for 12 minutes to discuss the ¼ ct. sales tax vs. a property tax increase for our county. The issue was settled in our November election. Tom and Sam discussed and provided important data that showed the benefits of the sales tax, which will benefit our hospital and county for years to come.

Heating Assistance: Ed Hurst was on WKSK's Happy Time Show November 17th to discuss heating assistance needs for folks in our county. Ed shared critical information to our listeners on how folks could apply for assistance, and how they could help others.

The aforementioned concerns/issues were discussed this quarter. Additionally, WKSK each month, interviews the county manager, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, the school superintendent, county librarian, Director of the Arts Council and numerous others who join us mornings from 8:30—8:57am for a morning chat about our needs and concerns. Congresswoman Virginia Foxx also is a regular monthly guest, and Sheriff James Williams occasionally joins us as well.

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