

**RADIO STATION WRBN - FM**  
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**Issues / Programs List**

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**Second Quarter 2020**

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## **Section A: Newscast Overview and Quarterly Issues Addressed**

WRBN Radio produces daily newscasts that air on a regularly scheduled basis. A one-minute news tease is aired at the bottom of the hour Monday through Friday between 6:00am and 9:00am. On WRBN, just after ABC news at the top of the hour between 6:00am and 9:00am Monday through Friday, WRBN airs a 3-minute live newscast. A two-minute recorded newscast airs at 12:00pm and at 4:00pm, 5:00pm, and 6:00pm Monday through Friday on WRBN. These are two-minutes in length. WRBN reports local and area news events and issues on an ongoing basis.

News Treatments: The nominal length of each of our lead or feature news stories described below is between 30-seconds and one minute. One to two versions of each story aired multiple times during a 12-hour news cycle and are posted online.

Some of the issues covered in these newscasts and programs during the quarter are as follows. Dates indicate local news treatment unless otherwise noted.

### 1 -What does Shelter-In-Place mean?

Governor Brian Kemp's Shelter-In-Place order took effect at 6pm on Friday, April 3, 2020, and expires on Monday, April 13, at 11:59pm. This means that all residents and visitors in Georgia are required to shelter in place within their home or place of residence. They are to limit social interaction to prevent the spread of the virus unless they are doing one of four things; conducting or participating in essential services, performing necessary travel, are engaged in the performance of Minimum Basic Operations for a business, establishment, corporation or organization not classified as critical infrastructure, and are part of the workforce for critical infrastructure. Essential services are defined as getting necessary supplies or services for your family like food, medical supplies/medicine, supplies to work from home, or products to maintain safety and sanitation of your residence. There should be as little in-store shopping as possible. Engaging in activities essential for the health of your family, like seeking medical or emergency services. Exercising outdoors as long as a distance of 6 feet is between you and anyone who does not occupy your home. Minimum basic operations is defined as anything that's done to maintain the value of a business. This includes providing services, managing inventory, security, or payroll. Employers should be making it easier for employees to work remotely from their homes. Employees who are working outdoors without regular contact with others, like delivery services, contractors or landscapers. Gov. Kemp's order says businesses that remain open must implement measures to mitigate the spread of coronavirus like screening employees who show signs of illness, requiring those employees to not report to work and instead seek medical attention, increase sanitation, require hand washing, provide PPE, prohibiting gatherings during work hours, allowing employees to take breaks outside, hold meeting virtually, suspend the use of PIN pads or devices that require electronic signatures, and increase space between coworkers. All restaurants and social clubs will cease dine-in services. Takeout, curbside delivery and delivery are permitted. All gyms, fitness centers, bowling alleys, theaters, live performance venues, amusement parks, body art studios, beauticians, salons/barber shops, massage studios and bars will be closed to the public. Gun shops are allowed to remain open. People should not receive visitors under the order unless it is for a medical service, the visitor is

instrumental to your daily life, they are providing you with necessary supplies, or you are at the end of your life. That is to be strictly enforced by nursing homes and long-term care facilities. Anyone who violates the order is guilty of a misdemeanor.  
News Treatment for April 6, 2020

### 2 - Eighth COVID-19 Case reported in Rabun County

The number of COVID-19 cases continues to grow in Georgia. Eight people have now tested positive for COVID-19 in Rabun County. According to the Georgia Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Daily Status Report for 6:30pm on Monday, April 20, 2020, 19,398 have tested positive for the respiratory virus in the state with 3,702 hospitalizations and 774 deaths.  
News Treatment for April 20, 2020

### 3 -Rabun County suffers First Death from COVID-19

Rabun County has suffered its first death due to COVID-19. According to the Georgia Department of Public Health's Daily Status Report for Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at 8:30am, there are now 12 confirmed positive cases of the virus in Rabun County with five hospitalizations. In Georgia, 140,223 people have been tested for the respiratory virus, 25,145 people have tested positive, 4,913 people are being hospitalized, and 1,037 people have died.  
News Treatment for April 29, 2020

### 4 - Mountain Judicial Circuit Court proceedings to be held Online

Following the shelter in place order issued by the Governor and in recognition of the fact that there are confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in each of the Mountain Judicial Circuit counties of Habersham, Rabun, and Stephens, Chief Superior Court Judge Russell W. Smith and Superior Court Judge B. Chan Caudell have issued a standing order providing that during the period of emergency, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge, all court proceedings will be held online. Attorneys and parties will be sent an email with a link to access their hearing. Members of the public who would like to attend a hearing may contact the office of the clerk of court for the county in which the case is scheduled to be heard. The Clerk will provide a link which can be used to access the hearing remotely from any laptop or smartphone. Laptop computers are available at each courthouse for use by the parties or their witnesses who do not have other access to a laptop or smartphone. Litigants should direct any questions regarding a particular case to their attorneys. Any general questions or concerns may be directed to Chief Judge Russell W. Smith by calling 706-886-7525. The provisions of this order shall be applicable to all Superior, State, Juvenile, Magistrate, Probate, and Municipal courts in the Mountain Judicial Circuit.

News Treatment for May 4, 2020

### 5 - Tiger Drive In becoming Concert Venue

The world has changed since COVID-19. The new normal now involves social distancing. Well, the Tiger Drive In has changed too and has now become a concert venue. On May 22 and 23, Tiger Drive In will host a Drive In Country Concert featuring Keith Burns of Trick Pony and Presley and Taylor, tells Tom Major, owner of the Tiger Drive In. "We are so fortunate! Gov. Kemp opened the theater up about a month ago and we discovered that concert

companies can't do concerts anymore. So, they knew we were open and asked if we could be a concert venue for them and I said yes. This weekend is our first weekend. It will be Friday, May 22, and Saturday, May 23. We have the stars coming from Nashville, they are setting up the stage, they have their own equipment, and we are having a live concert. Friday at 4pm, Keith Burns of Trick Pony along with two upcoming stars, two young ladies that are sisters, Presley and Taylor, who actually sang in Nashville on the Grand Ole Opry. We have the concert at 4pm and then we shut it down. By the way it's \$75 per car, we don't care how many people you put in the car. Then we will open back up for a movie at 6:30pm. On Saturday, we have two concerts, one at 1pm and then we shut it down and clear everybody out, have another concert at 4pm, and then we shut it down again, and have a movie. So, you will see some of this almost every weekend. We will have some live stars coming to us, either streaming to us or actually on stage here at the Tiger Drive In. How about that?" Major says this will be a social distancing family fun event. "We used to be able to hold 220 cars and now we are lucky if we can get 70 cars on the spots we have created. Our restaurant is open but you can't come in it. So, basically one person gets out of the car and comes up to the snack bar window, or the Tiger Drive In Grill excuse me, and they place their order. Then they go back to the car and we call them to come pick up their order at another window. We have social spacing for the bathrooms. Thanks to Moonrise, we have sanitizer and whatever, so it's a different thing. You really have to get here early to get a good spot or even get a spot because we only have room for 70 cars." To order your tickets visit <https://mercy-music-city.ticketleap.com/> or visit <http://tigerdrivein.com>.  
News Treatment for May 18, 2020

#### 6 - Two People die from COVID-19 in Rabun County

Two people have died from COVID-19 in Rabun County. According to the latest figures from the Georgia Department of Public Health, 15 people have tested positive for the virus and 5 people are being hospitalized. Across the state, the Georgia Department of Public Health reports 38,624 positive cases, 7,002 hospitalizations, and 1,649 deaths due to complications of the virus.

News Treatment for May 19, 2020

#### 7 - Rabun Co. Probate Court continues under Statewide Judicial Emergency Order

The Rabun County Probate Court continues to operate under the Statewide Judicial Emergency Order. The Court is taking appointments only until further notice, limiting the number of persons at one time in the lobby, and following CDC guidelines. The Court continues to receive many filings via mail and many requests via email and is processing all requests. The Court continues to accept online applications for Georgia Weapons Carry Licenses and marriage licenses, which really save time in the office and make it more convenient for customers. For more information or if you have any questions, contact the Court at 706-782-3614.

News Treatment for May 28, 2020

#### 8 - Continue to Wash and Wipe in the Fight against COVID-19

Despite the lifting of some COVID-19 restrictions, medical experts continue to encourage everyone to wash and wipe in order to avoid contracting the virus. Mountain Lakes Medical Center Chief Nursing Officer Kim Ingram offers these tips when it comes to washing and wiping. “You need to wash your hands with hot water, soap, and friction. That is what kills this virus. Wash your hands multiple times throughout the day. In your home, either use a wipe or a Clorox and water mix to disinfect things in your home that you and other people touch frequently that would things like doorknobs, telephones, handles on the cabinets, or anything that you and other people in your household touch multiple times a day. If you do have to leave your home and go to the grocery store, then you need to carry some type of hand sanitizer or wipes in your car. If you stop to pump gas, think about how many other people’s hands have touched that gas pump or pushed the buttons on the gas pump. So, when you get back in the car, clean your hands. So, those are just the basic things. If you are in your home, wipe off countertops. If you come in and you set things down on the counter, like your purse that has been someplace else or grocery bags that have been in your cart, wipe off those countertops. So, just think about things that you touch with your hands. I wipe my phone down twice a day. I wipe my keyboard, I wipe my mouse. So, if you have a computer at your house that multiple members of your family share, wipe off the keyboard, wipe off the mouse. Anything that your hands touch and that other people touch, you need to wipe that off.” If you are sick with COVID-19, separate yourself from other people and pets in your home. Call ahead before visiting your doctor.  
News Treatment for June 1, 2020

#### 9 - Rabun County Man arrested for the Sexual Exploitation of Children

On Wednesday, June 17, 2020, Rabun County resident 37-year-old Aaron Andrews was charged with three counts of Sexual Exploitation of Children (Possession of Child Pornography) by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation’s Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit (CEACC). GBI was assisted with the arrest of Andrews and with the search of his residence by the Rabun County Sheriff’s Office and the Clayton Police Department. The search warrant and arrest warrant were related to an investigation being conducted by the GBI’s Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit. The investigation began as a result of files containing suspected child pornography that Andrews was sharing online. Andrews is currently in custody at the Rabun County Jail. This investigation is part of the ongoing effort by the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, housed within the GBI’s Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit, to identify those involved in the child pornography trade. The ICAC Program, created by the U. S. Department of Justice, was developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the Internet, the proliferation of child pornography, and the heightened online activity by predators searching for unsupervised contact with underage victims. Anyone with information about other cases of child exploitation is asked to contact the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit at 404-270-8870.  
News Treatment for June 18, 2020

#### 10 - Update from Rabun County Schools

As Rabun County Schools prepare for the start of another school year, the safety and education of students is the top priority, says Superintendent Dr. April Childers. “We all share many

concerns regarding the current pandemic and its impact on education. During the week of July 6-9, we will be reaching out to each family by phone to gather important information from each of you about the start of school. While many questions are still unanswered, safety remains our primary concern. System leaders continue to collaborate with several local and state health and safety officials to monitor the events surrounding COVID-19 and the level of spread in our community. The Georgia Department of Public Health will issue guidance to the level of spread in the community. Our most recent communication indicates that Rabun County has Minimal to Moderate Spread. The formula to determine the level is still being reviewed and may change before the start of school. Additionally, we are working with our local Health Department to use additional data in determining the spread as it relates to returning to school. The guidance document provided by the Georgia Department of Education and the Georgia Department of Public Health can be reviewed at <https://www.georgiainsights.com/recovery.html>. Based on the review of the most recent information available, it is our intention to reopen schools in person in accordance with the approved 2020-2021 system calendar. Please keep in mind that this is subject to change, based on new developments and guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Public Health, and the Georgia Department of Education. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and provide updated information to you as it becomes available. Because many factors exist beyond our control, we appreciate your understanding and patience as we continue to refine the plans for providing a safe and healthy learning environment for all. Our goal is to begin school with a traditional opening with added disease prevention measures such as additional hand sanitizing opportunities, daily temperature checks, increased cleanings, and limited visitors. However, we will make final decisions closer to the start of school with the most current data possible.” The new immunization requirement has been extended for 1 year. Effective July 1, 2021, children 16 years of age and older, who are entering the 11th grade (including new entrants), must have received one booster dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) unless their initial dose was administered on or after their 16th birthday. All other immunizations requirements remain the same for the 20-21 school year.

News Treatment for June 25, 2020

## **Section B: Special Events**

### *1- Website*

WRBN has its own web site. Listeners are encouraged to visit [www.sky963.com](http://www.sky963.com) to see updates on news, weather, sports, contest winners, and more. There is also a page to introduce the staff and information about programming. The streaming of local high school sporting events

### *2- Facebook Page*

WRBN now has a Facebook page. Listeners are encouraged to visit the page for a quick look at current important news stories, scores of local sporting events, school delays and closings, and winners of contests during the SKY963 Morning Show. The page is <https://www.facebook.com/wrbnwgnc>.

## **Section C: Long Form Programs**

### *1- Coffee Talk*

Coffee talk is a 5 to 7 minute public service feature airing live on the Sky963 Morning Show weekdays around 8:35am on WRBN-FM. The program deals with any number of topics that affect the citizens of our community. The following shows aired in the second quarter of 2020.

- Rabun County Recreation Department

Talked once a month with Roy Quilliams, Director from the Rabun County Recreation Department, and Adam Dixon, Athletic Director and others at the Rec Department who organize programs. They reported on the current soccer season and the upcoming spring sports programs. They also gave updates on Pickleball and other adult focused sports sponsored by the Rec. Dept. Aired: 5/19,6/15

- Sheriff Chad Nichols

Rabun County Sheriff, Chad Nichols came in to discuss how things are going at the Sheriff's Department. He gives numbers on miles driven by the Deputies, drug arrests, community partnerships and anything going on with the Sheriff's Department. He also gave information on enforcement of the governors stay at home order Aired:4/7,5/11,6/8

- Family Encouragement Specialist

Michelle Black, Family Encouragement Specialist for the Rabun County Primary and Elementary Schools came in to talk about how parents can keep students engaged and learning on a daily basis. She also updated us on everything going on at the Primary and the Elementary Schools. Aired 5/21,6/11

- food distibution

Pastor Don Barber from Rabun Gap Pres. Church came in to talk about precautions they were taking while giving out food during the covid 19 outbreak and that anybody could pick up food without any kind of prequalification. Aired 4/27, 5/25



**Section D: Short Form Programs**

*1- Community Calendar and PSA's*

The Community Calendar is a regularly scheduled listing of various community events. These announcements are approximately 30-seconds in length and are aired on an R-O-S basis. Some of the community groups that have benefited from these announcements in the first quarter are listed below. This is only a sampling of the organizations and events promoted.

**Group**

North Georgia Community Players  
Kiwanis Club of Rabun County  
Rabun County Rec. Dept  
Tabernacle Church  
Rabun County Library  
Rabun Gap presbyterian  
Clayton Baptist Church  
Clayton Lions Club  
Victory Home  
Franklin Antiques  
Paws 4 Life  
Clayton Rotary Club  
North Georgia Technical College  
Tiger United Community Church  
Wolffork Baptist Church  
Sustainable Mountain Living  
Dillard United Methodist Church  
12th Annual Hoedown Dinner  
League of Women's Voters  
Black Rock Baptist VBS  
3rd Annual Golf Tournament  
Passport Day  
Macon Poultry Club  
Clayton Head Start

**Event**

Auditions for a play  
Sock Hop  
Golf Tournament  
Sportsmans Dinner  
Lunch and Learn  
Food Distribution  
Blood drive / AWANA Clubs  
Monthly meetings  
Auction  
Farm and Tractor Show  
Walkin' Paws  
Monthly meetings  
Board of Directors meeting  
Thrift Sale  
Homecoming  
Gardening Class  
Weekly Services  
Benefit for Habitat for Humanity  
Monthly Meeting  
Vacation Bible School at Blackrock Baptist  
Tournament for Recreation Department  
Renewal for Passports at the local library  
Meeting for club members and community  
Asking for students to sign up

**PSA's**

Selective Service  
Loan application  
Financial Aid  
Meals on Wheels  
ladder safety  
Forest fire safety  
Stop Littering

Stop Smoking  
Mobile Dental  
Exercising Everyday