

DATELINE TRI-CITIES

3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2023 PROGRAMS

JULY 1 AND 2

HIGHLIGHTS FROM A JUNE 20 KINGSPORT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN MEETING. LEADERS APPROVED SEVERAL AGENDA ITEMS DESIGNED TO SPUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING AT THE OLD DOBYNS-TAYLOR WAREHOUSE DOWNTOWN.

ALSO, HIGHLIGHTS FROM A RECENT ELIZABETHTON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING—AS THE PANEL ACTED ON SEVERAL KEY CAPITAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING APPROVING WORK FOR SECURITY AND ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES AT T.A. DUGGER JUNIOR HIGH

FEATURED: MEMBERS OF THE KINGSPORT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AND CITY MANAGER CHRIS MCCARTT, MEMBERS OF THE ELIZABETHTON BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS DIRECTOR RICHARD VAN HUSS.

24 MINUTES: SATURDAY JULY 1 8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY JULY 2 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

JULY 8 AND 9

WASHINGTON COUNTY MAYOR JOE GRANDY TALKS ABOUT SEVERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE 2024 BUDGET AND THE MONTHS-LONG PROCESS THAT IT TOOK TO PUT IT TOGETHER.

JOHNSON CITY CITY MANAGER CATHY BALL DISCUSSES THE 2024 BUDGET AND OFFERS SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF WHAT A 25-CENT PROPERTY TAX INCREASE WILL BE USED FOR.

RICHARD VAN HUSS IS ELIZABETHTON'S SCHOOLS DIRECTOR AND TALKS ABOUT NEW SCHOOL SAFETY INITIATIVES THAT ARE IN PLACE WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW BUDGET YEAR.

INTERVIEWED/FEATURED: JOE GRANDY, CATHY BALL AND RICHARD VAN HUSS

24 MINUTES: SATURDAY JULY 8 8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY JULY 9 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

JULY 15 AND 16 AND 22 AND 23

THE HEALTH WAGON IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA WILL BE HOLDING A MAJOR MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION AND VETERNARIAN OUTREACH EVENT. THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN FREE CARE WILL BE OFFERED AND DR. TERESA TYSON AND DR. PAULA HILL-COLLINS TALK ABOUT THE EVENT, THE SERVICES AND THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN

TO HELP BALANCE THE 2024 BUDGET, THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TOOK 20 CENTS EARMARKED FOR SCHOOLS AND REPLACED IT WITH SALES TAX PROCEEDS. IN KINGSPORT, CITY MANAGER CHRIS MCCARTT SAYS THAT'S SOMETHING THAT EDUCATION AND CITY OFFICIALS WILL BE WATCHING CLOSELY.

INTERVIEWED: DR. TERESA TYSON, DR. PAULA HILL-COLLINS AND CHRIS MCCARTT

22 MINUTES: SATURDAY JULY 15 AND 22---8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY JULY 16 AND 23—5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

JULY 29 AND 30

JOHNSON CITY OFFICIALS RECENTLY RECEIVED THE FINDINGS OF AN OUTSIDE LAW FIRM—THAT EXAMINED HOW THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT HANDLES SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATIONS. CITY MANAGER CATHY BALL TALKS ABOUT THE FINDINGS AND STEPS THAT ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED TO IMPROVE THE AGENCY'S RESPONSE.

FEATURED: CATHY BALL

23 MINUTES: SATURDAY JULY 29 8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY JULY 30 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

## AUGUST 5 AND 6

A SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY AT ELIZABETHTON IS SET TO OPEN IN WASHINGTON COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 5. IT'S AT THE FORMER BOONES CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE. COUNTY MAYOR JOE GRANDY, TCAT PRESIDENT DAVID HICKS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT JERRY BOYD PROVIDED AN UPDATE

SULLIVAN COUNTY MAYOR RICHARD VENABLE TALKS ABOUT SEVERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE COUNTY PAYING FOR LEGAL FEES FOR ANY COUNTY OFFICIAL WHO'S SUED.

FEATURED/INTERVIEWED: JOE GRANDY, DAVID HICKS, JERRY BOYD AND RICHARD VENABLE.

23 MINUTES: SATURDAY AUGUST 5 8:05 PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY AUGUST 6 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

## AUGUST 12 AND 13

JOHNSON CITY SCHOOLS RETURNED TO CLASS AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. SUPERINTENDENT DR. STEVE BARNETT TALKS ABOUT THE NEW YEAR AND CHANGES, INCLUDING NUMBERS, CAPTIAL PROJECTS AND MORE.

WASHINGTON COUNTY MAYOR JOE GRANDY TALKS ABOUT SEVERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE FISCAL 2024 BUDGET, A NEW HOME FOR THE ELECTION COMMISSION OFFICE AND AN UPDATE ON WATERLINE EXTENSION WORK.

INTERVIEWED: DR. STEVE BARNETT AND JOE GRANDY

23 MINUTES: SATURDAY AUGUST 12 8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY AUGUST 13 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

AUGUST 19 AND 20

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE OFFERS AN ARRAY OF SERVICES FOR VETERANS. JERRY STORY AND DAWN LUCIER TALK ABOUT SOME ISSUES.

MEMBERS OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSS TENNESSEE'S THIRD-GRADE RETENTION LAW. DR. MARY ROUSE HOPES ALL STUDENTS ARE READY FOR THE NEXT GRADE.

LEIA VALLEY IS THE JOHNSON CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM'S FINANCE DIRECTOR AND SHE OUTLINES A PLAN TO HELP THE SYSTEM CLOSE A \$2-MILLION DOLLAR GAP IN SALES TAX MONIES FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY.

INTERVIEWED/FEATURED: JERRY STORY, DAWN LUCIER, DR. MARY ROUSE AND LEIA VALLEY

23 MINUTES: SATURDAY AUGUST 19 8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY AUGUST 20 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

AUGUST 27

TENNESSEE'S ECONOMY CONTINUES TO BE STRONG AS EVIDENT BY THE NUMBER OF NEW BUSINESS FILINGS AND A LOW UNEMPLOYMENT RATE. SECRETARY OF STATE TRE HARGETT AND DR. DON BRUCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE RECENTLY HELD A MEDIA CALL TO DISCUSS THE NUMBERS. SULLIVAN COUNTY MAYOR RICHARD VENABLE TALKS ABOUT SEVERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM POSSIBLY FORMING ITS OWN TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, BUYING BUSES AND HIRING DRIVERS. CURRENTLY, THE DISTRICT CONTRACTS TRANSPORTATION TO AN OUTSIDE FIRM.

INTERVIEWED: TRE HARGETT, DR. DON BRUCE AND RICHARD VENABLE

24 MINUTES: SUNDAY AUGUST 27 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

THE PROGRAM DIDN'T AIR SATURDAY AUGUST 26 AT 8:05PM ON WJCW BECAUSE OF NASCAR RACING.

SEPTEMBER 2 AND 3

FIRST DISTRICT CONGRESSWOMAN DIANA HARSHBARGER TALKS ABOUT A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES, FROM INFLATION, TO CYBERSECURITY, BORDER SECURITY AND THE NATIONAL DEBT.

KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT DR. ANDY TRUE. HE PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON RENOVATIONS TO THE BUCK VAN HUSS DOME AT DOBYNS-BENNETT HIGH SCHOOL AND HOW THE SYSTEM IS COMPLYING WITH A NEW STATE LAW REQUIRING EXTERIOR DOORS AT SCHOOLS BE LOCKED OR HAVE A STAFF MEMBER PRESENT.

INTERVIEWED: DIANA HARSHBARGER AND DR. ANDY TRUE

24 MINUTES: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2 8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10

LAWMAKERS RECENTLY FINISHED TENNESSEE'S SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THE FOCUS WAS ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND FOUR BILLS WERE PASSED, BUT THERE WERE OVER 100 INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE, BUT JUST A HANDFUL IN THE SENATE. THAT CREATED A STALEMATE BETWEEN THE TWO CHAMBERS. STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAVID HAWK OF GREENEVILLE AND STATE SENATOR RUSTY CROWE OF JOHNSON CITY TAKE A LOOK BACK.

WASHINGTON COUNTY MAYOR JOE GRANDY TALKS ABOUT SEVERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING PLANNED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK IN TELFORD.

INTERVIEWED: DAVID HAWK, RUSTY CROWE AND JOE GRANDY

22 MINUTES: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9 8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

SEPTEMBER 17

THE 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE 9/11 ATTACKS WAS MARKED BY REMBERANCES, INCLUDING ONE IN JOHNSON CITY. THE AMERICAN LEGION KINGS MOUNTAIN POST 24. FEATURED SPEAKER: FORMER WJHL-TV NEWS ANCHOR JOSH SMITH.

FEATURED: MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION KINGS MOUNTAIN POST 24 AND FORMER WJHL-TV NEWS ANCHOR JOSH SMITH

24 MINUTES: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

THE PROGRAM DIDN'T AIR SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16 AT 8:05PM ON WJCW BECAUSE OF NASCAR RACING.

SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR. BRIAN NOLAND RECENTLY UPDATED THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON SEVERAL THINGS, INCLUDING GROWING ENROLLMENT—ESPECIALLY AMONG FIRST-TIME COLLEGE STUDENTS AND THOSE FROM WASHINGTON AND SULLIVAN COUNTIES.

FEATURED: DR. BRIAN NOLAND

24 MINUTES: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23 8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

SEPTEMBER 30

THE MISS TENNESSEE SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT WILL BE HELD IN JOHNSON CITY IN 2024 AND 2025. IT'S A MILESTONE AS FOR 60 YEARS, THE PAGEANT WAS HELD IN WEST TENNESSEE. SEVERAL PEOPLE SPOKE AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT, INCLUDING BRENDA WHITSON WITH VISIT JOHNSON CITY, JOHNSON CITY COMMISSIONER JENNY BROCK AND JOE ALBRIGHT, CEO OF THE PAGEANT

TENNESSEE SECRETARY OF STATE TRE HARGETT TALKS ABOUT HOW EASY IT IS TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN TENNESSEE, THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING, WHY YOUR VOTE MATTERS AND THE NEED FOR POLL WORKERS.

FEATURED/INTERVIEWED: BRENDA WHITSON, JENNY BROCK, JOE ALBRIGHT AND TRE HARGETT

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30 8:05PM ON WJCW.