

4TH QUARTER 2023 DATELINE TRI CITIES PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 1

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

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

OCTOBER 7 AND 8 AND 14 AND 15

WASHINGTON COUNTY MAYOR JOE GRANDY TALKS ABOUT SEVERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OF LAND NEXT TO GRAY SCHOOL AND THE MOVE OF THE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE.

JOHNSON CITY CITY MANAGER CATHY BALL, WHO TALKS ABOUT SEVERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING WORK THAT'LL BE STARTING THIS MONTH ON WIDENING WEST OAKLAND AVENUE TO THREE LANES WITH A TURN LANE—NEAR THE AREA OF KNOB CREEK AND WEST MOUNTAINVIEW. THAT'S THE FIRST OF A FOUR PHASE, MULTI-YEAR PROJECT THAT'LL COST A TOTAL OF ABOUT \$100-MILLION DOLLARS. FUTURE WORK WILL INCLUDE A NEW OVERPASS THAT'LL ELIMINATE THE ONE-LANE TUNNEL AT CLAUDE SIMMONS AND KNOB CREEK ROADS.

INTERVIEWED: JOE GRANDY AND CATHY BALL

23 MINUTES: SATURDAY OCTOBER 7 AND 14 8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY OCTOBER 8 AND 15 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC

OCTOBER 21 AND 22

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR. BRIAN NOLAND RECENTLY DELIVERED HIS ANNUAL “STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY” ADDRESS. HE TOUCHED ON SEVERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING ENROLLMENT NUMBERS AND A PLAN TO BOOST PAY, INCLUDING 19-PERCENT FOR ENTRY LEVEL WORKERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS.

FEATURED: DR. BRIAN NOLAND

24 MINUTES: SATURDAY OCTOBER 21 8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY OCTOBER 22 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

OCTOBER 28 AND 29

KINGSPORT CITY MANAGER CHRIS MCCARTT RECENTLY DELIVERED HIS ANNUAL “STATE OF THE CITY” ADDRESS—WHERE HE HIGHLIGHTED NUMEROUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES EITHER ONGOING OR IN THE PLANNING STAGES.

FEATURED: CHRIS MCCARTT

24 MINUTES: SATURDAY OCTOBER 28 8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY OCTOBER 29 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

NOVEMBER 5

PART TWO OF KINGSPORT CITY MANAGER CHRIS MCCARTT’S “STATE OF THE CITY” ADDRESS

WASHINGTON COUNTY MAYOR JOE GRANDY TALKS ABOUT SEVERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING MAJOR RENOVATIONS AT DANIEL BOONE AND DAVID CROCKETT HIGH SCHOOLS

FEATURED/INTERVIEWED: CHRIS MCCARTT AND JOE GRANDY

23 MINUTES: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

THE PROGRAM DIDN’T AIR SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4 AT 8:05PM ON WJCW BECAUSE OF NASCAR RACING.

NOVEMBER 11 AND 12

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAVID HAWK OF GREENE COUNTY TALKS ABOUT A COUPLE OF ISSUES, INCLUDING AN EXPECTED FLATTENING OF REVENUES IN TENNESSEE AND WHAT THAT MEANS FOR THE FISCAL 2025 BUDGET AND HE ALSO TALKS ABOUT A COMMITTEE OF STATE LAWMAKERS MEETING TO LOOK AT HOW THE ROUGHLY \$2-BILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL EDUCATION MONEY THAT COMES TO TENNESSEE IS USED.

KINGSPORT CITY MANAGER CHRIS MCCARTT TALKS ABOUT A \$250-THOUSAND DOLLAR DONATION FROM BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF TENNESSEE TOWARD A DENTAL CLINIC—THAT'S A PARTNERSHIP INVOLVING THE CITY, THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER, EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY AND BALLAD HEALTH.

MICHELLE EARL WITH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WHO OFFERS A FEW DRIVING TIPS—FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE RECENT TIME CHANGE AND THE ANGLE OF THE SUN DURING MORNING AND AFTERNOON COMMUTES.

INTERVIEWED: DAVID HAWK, CHRIS MCCARTT AND MICHELLE EARL

23 MINUTES: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11 8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

NOVEMBER 18 AND 19

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE ECONOMIST DR. DON BRUCE AND TENNESSEE COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY JASON MUMPOWER RECENTLY DISCUSSED STATE REVENUE PROJECTIONS DURING A MEETING OF THE STATE FUNDING BOARD. THAT BODY OFFERS GUIDANCE TO STATE OFFICIALS WHEN IT COMES TO BUDGETS.

FEATURED: DR. DON BRUCE AND JASON MUMPOWER

24 MINUTES: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18 8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

NOVEMBER 25 AND 26

JAMIE SWIFT, BALLAD HEALTH'S CHIEF INFECTION PREVENTION OFFICER, TALKS ABOUT SEVERAL TOPICS, INCLUDING THE FLU, COVID-19 AND R-S-V.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR. BRIAN NOLAND'S RECENTLY REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON SEVERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE LARGEST PERCENTAGE PAY INCREASE IN UNIVERSITY HISTORY.

INTERVIEWED/FEATURED: JAMIE SWIFT AND DR. BRIAN NOLAND

24 MINUTES: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25 8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

DECEMBER 2 AND 3

JOHNSON CITY POLICE LIEUTENANT DREW GUIDER TALKS ABOUT HOLIDAY SAFETY AND SHOPPING SAFETY. HE OFFERS SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP KEEP YOU FROM BECOMING A VICTIM OF HOLIDAY THEFT. HE ALSO OFFERS SOME TIPS IF YOU DO FALL VICTIM.

JOHNSON CITY FIRE CHIEF DAVID BELL TALKS ABOUT HEATING SAFETY AND CHRISTMAS DECORATION SAFETY. HE SAYS IT'S IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE YOUR HEATING EQUIPMENT IS WORKING PROPERLY AND TO MAKE SURE NOTHING FLAMMABLE IS AROUND. ON CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, CHIEF BELL OFFERS TIPS FROM LIVE TREES AND DECORATIONS TO LIGHTS—AND WHERE THEY SHOULD GO.

ALSO, THE SECOND PART OF EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR. BRIAN NOLAND'S REPORT TO A RECENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.

INTERVIEWED/FEATURED: DREW GUIDER, DAVID BELL AND DR. BRIAN NOLAND

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

DECEMBER 9 AND 10

TENNESSEE SECRETARY OF STATE TRE HARGETT AND DR. DON BRUCE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE DISCUSS THIRD QUARTER BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC INDICATORS IN THE STATE.

THE OFFICIAL INTRODUCTION OF TRE LAMB AS THE NEXT FOOTBALL COACH AT EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY. COMMENTS FROM UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR. BRIAN NOLAND, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR DR. RICHARD SANDER AND FROM COACH LAMB.

INTERVIEWED/FEATURED: TRE HARGETT, DR. DON BRUCE, DR. BRIAN NOLAND, DR RICHARD SANDER AND TRE LAMB

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

DECEMBER 16 AND 17

TENNESSEE GOVERNOR BILL LEE HAS UNVEILED A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD EXPAND SCHOOL CHOICE. HE WAS JOINED BY ARKANSAS GOVERNOR SARAH SANDERS IN MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CALLS FOR AN EXPANSION OF “VOUCHERS” THAT WOULD USE TAX DOLLARS TO PAY FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION. CURRENTLY, THAT’S ONLY AVAILABLE ON A LIMITED BASIS IN DAVIDSON, HAMILTON AND SHELBY COUNTIES. TENNESSEE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR RANDY MCNALLY AND HOUSE SPEAKER CAMERON SEXTON ALSO OFFERED COMMENTS.

FEATURED: TENNESSEE GOVERNOR BILL LEE, ARKANSAS GOVERNOR SARAH SANDERS, TENNESSEE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR RANDY MCNALLY AND TENNESSEE HOUSE SPEAKER CAMERON SEXTON

23 MINUTES: SATURDAY DECEMBER 16 8:05PM ON WJCW. SUNDAY DECEMBER 17 5AM ON WKOS AND WXSM, 6AM ON WQUT, 7:35 ON WJCW AND 9:30 ON WGOC.

DECEMBER 23 AND 24 AND 30 AND 31

WASHINGTON COUNTY MAYOR JOE GRANDY TALKS ABOUT ONGOING EFFORTS TO EXTEND UTILITY WATER TO UNSERVED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY PARTNERS WITH JOHNSON CITY, JONESBOROUGH AND KINGSPORT TO EXTEND SERVICE.

RIBBON CUTTING ON THE NEW JONESBOROUGH SCHOOL. IT’LL REPLACE BOTH JONESBOROUGH ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND WAS BUILT THROUGH A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF JONESBOROUGH—WHERE THE TOWN BUILT IT AND THE COUNTY WILL LEASE TO OWN. CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 4TH. COMMENTS FROM JONESBOROUGH MAYOR CHUCK VEST

INTERVIEWED/FEATURED: WASHINGTON COUNTY MAYOR JOE GRANDY AND JONESBOROUGH MAYOR CHUCK VEST

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