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		Quarterly Issues/Program List	
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Issue	Title	Description	Dates/Length
Public Interest	Store Closings in Tri-City Area	At least two stores will be closing soon in the Tri-Cities area. According to the Kingsport Times-News, Sears Holdings announced on Wednesday another series of store closures, impacting 78 Kmart and 26 Sears locations in more than 25 states. Among those that will be closed are the Sears stores at the Kingsport Town Center and in Bristol, Va., This is the second round of store closures announced by the company in the last two weeks. On Dec. 27, the company informed associates at 30 Kmart and 16 Sears stores that their stores would be closing this spring. In a news release Sears Holdings said that it will “continue to strategically and aggressively evaluate our store space and productivity and accelerate the closing of some unprofitable stores as the company has previously announced. Eligible associates impacted by these store closures will receive severance and will have the opportunity to apply for open positions at other Kmart or Sears locations.” The release also stated that “Customers can use the store locator function on our web sites to find the location of their nearest Kmart and Sears stores. Liquidation sales will begin as early as Jan. 6 at all closing stores.”	1/9/2017 5:03 pm 1/10/2017 7:03 am
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Human Interest	Survivors of Seviere County Wildfires Receive Disaster Relief	Survivors of the Sevier County wildfires have received nearly \$5.9 million in federal disaster assistance and loans from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration. With the Feb. 13 deadline approaching to register for FEMA disaster assistance, here is an update of the wildfire recovery in Tennessee since the Dec. 15 major disaster declaration. Registrations approved for disaster assistance: 323; individuals and Households Program amount approved: nearly \$2.4 million; Housing Assistance approved: nearly \$1.3 million; other Needs Assistance approved: nearly \$1.1 million and percentage of housing inspections completed: 95 percent. SBA loans to homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes totaled over \$3.5 million. 508 survivor visits to the two disaster recovery center locations established during the recovery. Federal disaster assistance is available to eligible individuals and households, and to those who were working in or visiting Sevier County between Nov. 28 and Dec. 9 and had disaster-related damage. Disaster survivors may register for federal assistance online at DisasterAssistance.gov; download the FEMA mobile app or call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (FEMA) toll-free from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.	1/16/2017 5:03 pm 1/17/2017 7:03 am
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Education	Growing Flu Epidemic	<p>As the result of a growing flu epidemic in the region, numerous schools are closing. WVLT-TV News reported that a representative with Knox County Schools said officials were having discussions about Monday's attendance rates and monitoring the situation before making a final decision about school closings or delays. Knox County Schools were closed Tuesday and today [Wednesday] due to sickness. Union County Schools closed Friday, Feb. 3 and Monday, Feb. 6 due to illness. Custodial staff did intensive cleaning while students and teachers were out of school. Other school systems that closed Friday due to illness were Loudon County and Roane County. Monroe County closed Friday and Monday due to illness, with Grainger County Schools closed Monday and Tuesday. The closures come after Anderson County Schools were closed due to a flu outbreak on Jan. 30 and Jan. 31. According to WVLT, additional schools closing today [Wednesday] were: First Baptist Academy-Powell, Lenoir City and Scott County Schools. Those closed for the remainder of the week include: Berean Christian School, Campbell County, Clinton City Schools, Concord Christian School, Fentress County, Morgan County, Oneida Special School District and Sweetwater City.</p>	<p>2/8/2017 5:03 pm</p> <p>2/9/2017 7:03 am</p>
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Health	Repeal and Replacing Obamacare	<p>According to a news release from Citizens' Council for Health Freedom, on Thursday morning, the U.S. Senate took the first important step toward the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. According to NBC News, the 51-48 vote, almost entirely along party lines, does not repeal Obamacare but sets "the stage for Republicans to clear the first procedural hurdle for repeal of the massive health care law." CCHF, a national health freedom and patient advocacy organization, has long called for the full and timely repeal of the Affordable Care Act and says that campaign promises to the American people must be kept so that health care freedom can be restored. Twila Brase, president and co-founder of CCHF, said, "The move to repeal the Affordable Care Act must proceed quickly. President-elect Trump can't repeal this harmful law on his own. Congress must continue on a fast pace to send him a bill without delay. Americans harmed by the unaffordable prices under the ACA and looking forward to the promised repeal of a fatally flawed and failing government system need Congress to get this done quickly." The release stated that after the marathon "vote-a-rama," NBC reported that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said, "The Senate just took an important step toward repealing and replacing Obamacare by passing the resolution that provides the legislative tools necessary to actually repeal this failed law while we move ahead with smarter health care policies". Both U.S. Senators from Tennessee voted in favor of the measure. The House could vote on the bill as early as today.</p>	<p>1/13/2017 5:03 pm</p> <p>1/16/2017 7:03 am</p>
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Weather	Beware of Winter Weather	Winter weather has finally arrived in East Tennessee. According to a special weather statement from the National Weather Service office in Morristown, light snow accumulations expected from late Thursday afternoon through Friday morning. Snowfall accumulations will be greatest along the northern plateau of east Tennessee and the Cumberland mountains of southwest Virginia where 1 to 3 inches are possible. Elsewhere up to 1 inch of snow is expected across valley locations...Before tapering off around sunrise Friday morning. With surface temperatures below freezing...Snow will accumulate on untreated roads. This may result in negative travel impacts to motorists, especially during the Friday morning commute. Late Friday along the Tennessee and north Carolina border additional accumulations of 1 to 2 inches with locally higher amounts to 3 inches are possible in higher elevations. A winter weather advisory remains in effect from 7 pm this evening to 7 am Est Friday and from 1 pm Friday to 7 am Est Saturday.	1/5/2017 5:03 pm 1/6/2017 7:03 am
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