

Issues Programs List
Quarterly Issues Programs List for WSDQ
July 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018

Section I. Issues

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

A. CRIME/LOCAL & COUNTY POLICE DEPT NEWS

July 25, 2018 - Couple arrested after children found in "unlivable" conditions
July 23, 2018 - Dunlap police recover Nissan truck stolen from Chattanooga
July 12, 2018 - ICE takes rape suspect into custody pending February trial
July 10, 2018 - Police department responds to two bear sightings in town
August 17, 2018 - Dunlap Police Department wins second national award
August 15, 2018 - Driver arrested after pursuit up Fredonia Mountain Tuesday
September 7, 2018 - ABC charges Patron Mexican Grill with liquor violation
September 12, 2018 - Drug bust leads to big break in counterfeit currency investigation

B. LOCAL/COUNTY GOVERNMENT ISSUES:

July 23, 2018 - Shawn Cordell sues mayor, city of Dunlap for \$3 million
July 17, 2018 - Sequatchie County Commission views final draft of budget
August 17, 2018 - City moves forward with plans for splash pad, river access ramp
August 1, 2018 - County commission gives final approval to 2018-19 budget
September 28, 2018 - Dunlap amends tax hike after citizens speak to commission

C. LOCAL/CO. GRANTS RECEIVED/NEW BUSINESSES OPEN

July 26, 2018 - Dollar General opens new, top-of-the-line store in Mt. Airy
July 23, 2018 - Sequatchie County awarded \$5,000 state ThreeStar Grant
August 13, 2018 - Senate approves broadband funds, but will they help BTC
September 17, 2018 - Stonepeak Ceramics announces \$70 million expansion near Dunlap

D: SCHOOLS:

July 16, 2018 - Schools improve on tech assets as classes prepare to start

July 11, 2018 – Grants to aid students at SCHS

August 9, 2018 - In accord with state law, schools now display national motto

August 7, 2018 - 2018-19 Bus Routes approved

September 5, 2018 - State DOE asks local school officials to address conference

E: CITY, COUNTY, STATE ELECTIONS SET:

July 12, 2018 - Early voting starts Friday, July 13, for next month's election

July 9, 2018 - Chancellor candidate meets with supporters before forum

July 7, 2018 - Early voting for Aug. 2 election starts this Friday, July 13

August 2, 2018- Election results: Swanger beats field to win sheriff's race

September 28, 2018 -Voter registration deadline approaches for Nov. 6 election

Section II responsive programs

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below:

A:

July 25, 2018 - The Dunlap police arrested a couple on charges of child neglect after officers found 3 children unattended in a house, described as unliveable. Police arrested Elizabeth Brook Henry, 26, and Raul Ordonez Perez, 36, after responding to a call of a 6 year old child playing outside on the edge of the road. Inside the house was a 9 and 1 year old and rotted food in the fridge, one open pill bottle and a dead gopher rat. Listeners called in voicing concern over incidents such as this. Police stated that anyone that suspected things like this, to call the PD anonymously and leave a tip with the address and what is going on. Police stated they would do “welfare checks” on calls such as this.

July 23, 2018 - Dunlap police recover a Nissan truck stolen from Chattanooga, missing for over 5 month after an officer on patrol spotted the truck on Main Street. The officer seeing a GA tag, ran the tag and found it was stolen. Arrests were made. Listeners called in and commended the officer on his quick thinking and response in the matter.

July 12, 2018 - ICE takes rape suspect, Rolonda Espinoza Vasquez into custody after being found in Dunlap pending February trial for his trial for rape of a child and aggravated sexual battery. The Immigration and Customs agents worked with Dunlap city police in the incident. Espinoza was in the Sequatchie Co. jail. He was being held

for entering the US illegally for ICE and will come back to Dunlap to face charges. Listeners called and talked about the rise of incidents regarding charges such as these and ask that someone from the PD come to the radio station and get “on the air” during the live show to discuss these matters.

July 10, 2018 - Police department responds to two bear sightings in town on the south side of Hwy 111 around 1015 pm after 3 weeks earlier someone else had called to report a bear on the north side of hwy 111. TWRA was called during the live show and officers told listeners what to do if they encountered a bear and how to discourage them from being around their homes.

August 17, 2018 - Dunlap Police Department wins second national award in less than a week. The awards were given to departments that go above and beyond what the government requires of employers in supporting their workers in the national guard and reserves. The Dunlap Police dept. was selected from 10 candidates that were reviewed and suggested by the ESGR. Listeners called in and commended the dept.

August 15, 2018 - Driver arrested after pursuit up Fredonia Mountain Tuesday by the county PD. Chase Bradford was arrested and charged with a felony evading, several counts of reckless endangerment, resisting arrest and reckless driving. Listeners called in and talked about the rise in arrests of this type and questioned if this was a trend or if people were doing desperate measures for attention.

September 7, 2018 - ABC charges Patron Mexican Grill with liquor violation of selling without a license. The restaurant had a beer license but no liquor license, acc. To the police chief. The ABC notified police chief they would be raiding the grill and ask the local department to not respond. Two people were charged violations on the charge of storage of liquor for sale. Listeners called and wanted to know why the local dept was not allowed to be present.

September 12, 2018 - Drug bust leads to big break in counterfeit currency investigation after a drug bust in neighboring Marion County. The currency was passed into Seq. Co. A large amt of counterfeit money and computer equipment that was used was found along with meth in the home. Harley Robers was arrested by the DTF agents along with the U S Secret Service. Listeners were told by the local PD if they felt they received any of the money to call the PD and detectives would inspect the bill and serial numbers and advise what to do.

B:

July 23, 2018 - Shawn Cordell sues mayor, city of Dunlap for \$3 million stating he was fired last year for reasons that violated his civil and unconstitutional rights. The suit claimed that Cordell felt that he was let go because a member of his family was running against the current Mayor. According to the Mayor, although Cordell had worked with the city of Dunlap for 24 years, he was let go because “he could not work well with others.” Listeners were encouraged to call in to discuss the matter.

July 17, 2018 - Sequatchie County Commission looked over the final draft of the budget and stated there would be no tax increase with the final draft of the budget being presented July 16. Adoption of the budget scheduled to be held July 30. Listeners

called in and discussed they were pleased of no tax increase at this time.

August 17, 2018 - City moves forward with plans for splash pad, river access ramp and listeners were told the a design firm told commissioners that bids were being accepted for the installation of the pad along with a farmer's market pavilion, restrooms.

Listeners called and spoke how it would be a big asset for the children of the community and hoped the city continued to move forward.

August 1, 2018 - County commission gives final approval to 2018-19 budget and stated there would not be a tax increase for the year. Listeners were totally excited and called in thanking commissioners for not raising taxes.

September 28, 2018 – City of Dunlap amended their city tax hike after citizens spoke to commissioners. The vote lowered the tax from 12% to a 5% increase.

C:

July 26, 2018 - Dollar General opened a new, top-of-the-line store in Mt. Airy on the north end of Dunlap. The store is known as a DG18, one step below a true Dollar General. Being a DG18 means it has 4 rows of non-core merchandise in the middle of the store. Items such as housewares and home décor. Listeners were told during the live talk show, the first 50 adult shoppers would get a \$10 gift card and the first 200 would get a tote bag containing trial samples and gifts.

July 23, 2018 - Sequatchie County awarded \$5,000 state ThreeStar Grant that is recommended to be used for local programs addressing economic development, education and workforce development, public safety, health and efficient government. Listeners called in with ideas where they think the money should be used.

August 13, 2018 - Senate approves broadband funds with listeners wondering if this would help the local Bledsoe Telephone Coop. The \$425 million was for rural broadband loan and grant pilot program and will be targeted areas that currently lack access to broadband service.

September 17, 2018 - Stonepeak Ceramics announces \$70 million expansion near Dunlap in Crossville. The ceramics stated they would be providing 160 additional full time jobs with many people coming from the Dunlap area. Listeners were excited over the job possibilities.

D:

July 11, 2018 – Grants to aid students at SCHS have been awarded in the amount of 2 large grants. Funding of \$99,000 from J.P. Morgan Chase is available for the purchase of state of the art virtual welding equipment. Grant of \$34,272 thru Perkins Reserve will be used to start a Mechatronics Engineering program. Students called and were excited about the idea of having these programs at their local school.

July 16, 2018 - Schools improve on tech assets as classes prepare to start and will be known as a 10 gig campus. The school system went wireless about 5 years ago and upgraded their computer network this year. Over 600 student computers were put in the system last year, with the hope to put that many again this year. By the time of these additions, board members say it will be almost a one on one ratio. Listeners called in and commended the board for their endeavors.

August 9, 2018 - In accord with state law, local schools will now display national motto of "In God We Trust" along with the alternative school and the central office. The state left it up to individual schools on how they wish to display the motto. SC has chosen to display a simple metal plaque engraved with the words of the motto and it does include the reference number under those words that refer to the TN code requiring the sign. Listeners called in and voiced their approval for these in schools and the disappointment that it required a bill to make it happen.

August 7, 2018 - 2018-19 Bus Routes were approved and posted as a public notice. The routes and buses were read by the DJ on the live show for the week prior to the school year.

September 5, 2018 - State DOE asks local school officials to address conference after the school system was recognized as a Level 5 school in growth and rise in scores.

E:

July 12, 2018 - Early voting starts tomorrow Friday, July 13, for next month's election for the August 2 election. Large numbers of early voting is expected due to the time of year and the "yard sale of the century" that will make it impossible, as stated by listeners, to get to the polls to vote.

July 9, 2018 - Chancellor candidate, David Stewart, met with supporters before forum at a reception before he joined local candidates at a public forum at the chamber of commerce sponsored event at the local high school. Listeners were invited to attend the meeting to meet the candidate.

July 7, 2018 - Early voting for Aug. 2 election starts Friday, July 13 and during the live talk show candidates were encouraged to call in and talk with the DJ to discuss impending issues that were currently in the news locally.

August 2, 2018- Election results: Swanger beats field to win sheriff's race in a hotly contested race. Listeners called in and congratulated Coy Swanger for his new job as sheriff.

September 28, 2018 -Voter registration deadline approaches for Nov. 6 election and Oct. 9 has been announced as being the last day for anyone to register if they want to vote in November. Early voting will begin in Oct. 17 thru Nov. 1. Listeners encouraged to get out and make their voice heard and go vote.