

**WEPG-AM / WSDQ-AM**  
Quarterly Issues & Programs  
**3rd Quarter - 2021**  
*(July, August, September)*

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<b>InfoTrak</b>	<b>07/03/21</b>	<b>6:01am</b>	<b>7:46</b>	<b>Teen Suicide, Parenting</b>
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**Gregory Plemmons, PhD**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University... Dr. Plemmons led a study that found the percentage of younger children and teens hospitalized for suicidal thoughts or actions in the United States has doubled over the past decade. He talked about the possible reasons for such a steep increase, what ages are at the greatest risk, and how parents can recognize signs of suicidal thoughts in their children.

<b>InfoTrak</b>	<b>07/03/21</b>	<b>6:08am</b>	<b>9:17</b>	<b>Consumer Matters</b>
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**Jeff Stalnaker**, President and Co-Founder of First Orion, a provider of data and phone call transparency solutions... Mr. Stalnaker's company commissioned a survey that found that Millennials are more likely than any other generation to give away personal information to scammers over the phone. He said nearly 40 percent of those surveyed have been contacted by someone impersonating the IRS. He talked about other current scams, and offered advice on how to avoid falling prey to scammers.

<b>InfoTrak</b>	<b>07/03/21</b>	<b>6:25am</b>	<b>5:11</b>	<b>Blood Donation, Health</b>
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**Kara Lusk-Dudley**, Public Affairs Manager, Biomedical Communications, American Red Cross... Summertime is one of the most challenging times of the year for blood donations. Ms. Lusk-Dudley explained why, and outlined the process that a new blood donor can expect. She explained how to locate a donation center or blood drive nearby. She noted that the Red Cross is also in greater need of organizations to host blood drives during the summer months.

<b>InfoTrak</b>	<b>07/10/21</b>	<b>6:01am</b>	<b>8:58</b>	<b>Traffic Safety</b>
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**Darrin Grondel**, Vice President of Traffic Safety and Government Relations for the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility...Although there were far fewer vehicles on the roads during the pandemic, traffic deaths rose more than 7% in 2020 to a 13-year high. Mr. Grondel discussed grants awarded by the Governors Highway Safety Association and the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility to help states keep Americans safe from alcohol- and drug-impaired drivers.

**InfoTrak                      07/10/21   6:10am           8:11                      Consumer Matters**

**Marshall Allen**, reporter for ProPublica, where he covers the health care industry, author of *“Never Pay the First Bill: And Other Ways to Fight the Health Care System and Win”*...Americans pay about twice as much per person for healthcare than the citizens of other developed nations, and about 1 in 6 of has medical debt in collections. Mr. Allen advised consumers to make sure each medical bill is itemized, and to check the billing codes to make sure the bill is accurate and priced fairly, before paying it. He also explained how doctors are incentivized to perform many treatments and tests whether they are needed or not.

**InfoTrak                      07/10/21   6:24am           5:07                      Mental Illness, Suicide**

**David Rabadi**, mental health advocate, National Speaker for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, author of *“How I Lost My Mind and Found Myself”*...41 percent of Americans reported anxiety and depression symptoms in 2020, up from 11 percent in 2019. Mr. Rabadi explained why many people struggling with mental illness try to hide it from others. He offered encouragement to seek help.

**InfoTrak                      07/17/21   6:01am           9:17                      COVID-19, Obesity**

**Carmen Piernas, MSc, PhD**, University Research Lecturer at the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences at the University of Oxford...Dr. Piernas was part of a group of British researchers that examined the strong connection between COVID 19 and obesity. She said they found that younger people with a Body Mass Index of 30 or more, which is considered obese, are at a significantly higher risk of being hospitalized or dying of COVID-19, while those with a BMI of 23 are at the lowest risk. Interestingly, they found that obesity made no difference at all in COVID risks for the elderly.

**InfoTrak                      07/17/21   6:09am           7:58                      Science, Climate**

**Rebecca Johnson, PhD**, Co-Director of Citizen Science and Research Associate in the Department of Invertebrate Zoology and Geology at the California Academy of Sciences... In recent years, community science--also known as citizen science--has become a global phenomenon, as millions of amateurs with an interest in science contribute unparalleled amounts of data on the natural world. Ms. Johnson said community science data remains widely underutilized by the scientific community due to its perception as being less reliable than expert-collected data. She said community science may be the only practical way to answer important questions about our planet's biodiversity and how it is changing.

**InfoTrak                      07/17/21   6:24am           4:38                      Nutrition, Parenting**

**Shannon M. Robson, PhD, MPH, RD**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral Health and Nutrition, Principal Investigator of the Energy Balance and Nutrition Laboratory at the University of Delaware...89% of Americans believe it's important for families to have as many family meals as possible each week. Dr. Robson led a study that showed that more frequent family meals were associated with better dietary outcomes and improved family relationships. She offered suggestions for families to overcome obstacles to gathering for dinner.

**InfoTrak                      07/24/21   6:01am           8:39                      Personal Health**

**Elizabeth Rosenthal, MD**, former reporter and senior writer at The New York Times, Editor in Chief of Kaiser Health News, former ER physician, author of *“An American Sickness: How Healthcare Became Big Business and How You Can Take It Back”*... Dr. Rosenthal discussed the rapidly rising costs of healthcare in the past few decades and the reasons behind them. She gave examples of some of the more egregious differences in healthcare costs in the US, compared to other countries. She explained how healthcare consumers can learn to negotiate with hospitals and doctors.

**InfoTrak                      07/24/21   6:10am           8:27                      Children’s, Safety**

**Jodie Plumert, PhD**, Professor in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at the University of Iowa...For adults, crossing the street by foot seems easy. Yet it is anything but simple for a child. Dr. Plumert led a study that found that perceptual judgment and motor skills are not fully developed in most kids until age 14. She explained what parents can do to help children learn these life and death skills as early as possible.

**InfoTrak                      07/24/21   6:24am           5:02                      Mental Health**

**Adriana Zuniga-Teran**, architect, postdoctoral research associate in the University of Arizona's Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy...Ms. Zuniga-Teran conducted a study that examined how the design of a neighborhood can affect health and wellness. She found that those who live in traditional neighborhoods do the most walking, while those who live in suburban developments report the highest levels of mental well-being.

**InfoTrak                      07/31/21   6:01am           8:26                      Children’s Issues**

**Sally Erny**, National Stakeholder Engagement Officer of the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association...Ms. Erny explained how court-appointed special advocates (CASAs) look out for the interests of abused or neglected children. She discussed how CASA volunteers work with attorneys and other court officers to ensure the youngsters are in safe and healthy foster care, and eventually, permanent homes. She also outlined the training that these volunteers receive, and how someone can volunteer.

**InfoTrak                      07/31/21   6:11am           8:46                      Crime Prevention**

**Clint Emerson**, retired Navy Seal, author of *“100 Deadly Skills: Survival Edition: The SEAL Operative’s Guide to Surviving in the Wild and Being Prepared for Any Disaster”*...Mr. Emerson offered numerous tips on how to crime-proof a house and how to avoid becoming a victim of crime in other environments, as well. He explained the importance of being aware of your environment, in order to react to dangerous situations or avoid them in the first place. He also talked about the options available to people caught in active shooter incidents or terrorist attacks.

**InfoTrak                      07/31/21   6:23am           5:02                      Product Safety**

**Tracy Mehan**, Manager of Translational Research for the Center for Injury Research and Policy at the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio...On an average day in the US, 13 children receive emergency treatment for a lawn mower-related injury. Ms. Mehan talked about the most common injuries and how they typically vary, depending on the age of the child. She offered suggestions for parents on how to prevent lawn mower-related injuries.

**Swap & Shop      08/02/21    8:12am      8:00              Education, Community**

Swap & Shop hosts discuss back-to-school with Dr. Mark Griffith from Marion County Schools. Discussions include COVID safety protocols, masking, and typical school year procedures for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Swap & Shop      08/05/21    9:01am      18:00              Community Events**

WEPG and WSDQ Swap & Shop hosts talk with organizers of the 127 Yard Sale regarding the upcoming event that takes place along US-127 through part of the listening areas for both stations. They discuss the history, future, and what to expect if attending the yard sale this year in the Marion, Sequatchie, and Bledsoe County areas of the route.

**Special Report    08/05/21    6:00pm      35:00              Government**

Live coverage of the Kimball City meeting of Mayor and Alderman from Kimball Municipal Building in Kimball, TN

**Local News        08/09/21    8:03am      04:20              Community Aid**

Officials with the Town of Jasper and Marion County High School have come together to paint and repair the old corn crib silo at Marion County High School – bringing the schools purple and white colors refreshed and vibrant and adding a new metal “MC” logo sign atop the silo. The school system has been working to do cosmetic repairs at MCHS over the past two years, this is one major step that will improve the look of the school made possible with the help of several community volunteers and Jasper Mayor, Jason Turner, and others with the town’s public works department.

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**Special Report    08/09/21    6:00pm      38:00              Government**

Live coverage of the Town of Jasper monthly meeting of Mayor and Alderman and Water Board Meeting from the Jasper City Annex in Jasper, TN.

**Special Report    08/10/21    6:00pm      98:00              Government**

Live coverage of the City of South Pittsburg monthly City Commission Meeting from the South Pittsburg Senior Center meeting room on Elm Avenue in South Pittsburg, TN.

**Swap & Shop      08/12/21   7:40am      12:00      Local Utilities**

Swap & Shop Hosts talk with Mike Partin of the Sequachee Valley Electrical Cooperative (SVEC) regarding the upcoming annual member's meeting. Out of the concern of safety for the community due to COVID-19 numbers on the rise, the event will be virtual and held online only for member-users of SVEC services to attend.

**Local News              08/12/21   9:01am      1:00      Crime, Drug Prevention**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that agents with the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Drug Task Force with assistance from the Marion County Sheriff's Department, Jasper Police, Whitwell Police, Tennessee Highway Patrol, and TBI have apprehended one Robert H. Flynn of Sequatchie County, TN. Flynn was wanted in three counties for numerous charges including resisting arrest, violation of a court order, tampering with evidence, and aggravated assault with a weapon on 8/11/21.

**Local News              08/14/21   7:01am      2:00      Jobs, Economy, Tourism**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that Dollywood theme park in Pigeon Forge, TN, has announced a \$20 Million dollar expansion to their properties – bringing more jobs to East Tennessee and helping boost the economy through tourism in the state.

**Swap & Shop            08/17/21   9:01am      6:00      Law Enforcement, Jobs**

WEPG/WSDQ Swap & Shop Hosts talk to Sequatchie County Sheriff regarding open Correctional Officer jobs at the Sequatchie County Jail in Dunlap, TN. These are full-time jobs offering full benefits and paid time off. Applicants must be 18 or older with a high school diploma or GED and able to pass a drug screen and background check to apply.

**Local News              08/17/21   5:01pm      1:00      COVID-19, Schools**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that Dade County, GA schools (Trenton, GA) will move to a virtual or remote learning for the remainder of the week due to COVID-19.

**Local News            08/18/21   6:01am       1:00            COVID-19, Safety**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that Erlanger Health Systems has updated their visitors policy in light of the recent up-tick in COVID-19 cases in the local area due to the Delta Variant of the virus. These new policies go into effect on 8/18/21 and will in effect at all of the hospital's campuses – including the downtown Baroness campus, East, Bledsoe, North, and Western Carolina. Exceptions will only be made on a case-by-case basis for special needs and end of life patients.

**Local News            08/20/21   9:03am       2:00            Communications**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that Verizon Wireless – one of the major cellular and data carriers in the Sequatchie Valley is experiencing major outages across the region and in other areas of the country. Subscribers are advised that 9-1-1 services could be interrupted as well and to consider using a landline telephone in the event of an emergency, if available.

**Local News            08/20/21   12:01pm      2:00            COVID-19, Schools**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that Marion County Director of Schools, Dr. Mark Griffith, and the Marion County Board of Education have required that all students in Marion Schools MUST wear a mask beginning Monday, 8/23/21, unless an opt-out form has been sent to the school by parents/guardians. Forms are available on the schools websites in an electronic form and will be sent home with students today (8/20/21).

**Local News            08/23/21   7:01am       1:00            Community, Sports**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports a congratulations are in order for Marion County High School Head Football Coach, Dale Pruitt, on his 300<sup>th</sup> career win on Friday, 8/20/21.

**Local News            08/23/21   8:00am       1:00            COVID-19, Schools**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that Bledsoe County Schools will be CLOSED from Aug.23<sup>rd</sup> until Aug.25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, due to student and staff illness. School officials say virtual learning will not be available due to new state laws from TN Governor Bill Lee.

**Special Report    08/23/21    6:00pm    63:00    Government**

WEPG/WSDQ provides live coverage of the Marion County Commission Meeting for August 2021 from the Lawson Building on Ridley Drive in Jasper, TN.

**Local News            08/24/21    11:01am    8:00            Community, COVID-19**

WEPG/WSDQ provides live coverage of Marion County Mayor David Jackson's address to the county regarding the situation of COVID-19 on the rise in Marion County.

**Local News            08/27/21    12:00pm    1:00            COVID-19, Schools**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that Richard Hardy Memorial School will be closed from Monday, 8/30/21 until Monday, 9/6/21 due to a high percentage of absenteeism in the school due to COVID-19. Officials with the school reports 37% absenteeism as of today (8/27).

**Swap & Shop        08/28/21    8:15am    10:00            Community**

WEPG/WSDQ Swap & Shop Hosts talk to organizers of the annual "Hee-Haw" show in Dunlap to benefit the local Cancer Network (society). The event is sponsored by Citizen's Tri-County Bank, SVEC, and others – and is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the Harris Park Stage in Dunlap. Admission is free and reserved seating is available for \$20/each.

**Local News            08/31/21    8:01am    1:00            Community, Events**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that organizers with the Whitwell Labor Day Celebration have postponed the annual Labor Day Parade and Celebration at Whitwell Park due to concerns with the COVID-19 increase with the Delta Variant.

**Local News            08/31/21    12:00pm    15:00            COVID-19, Safety**

Live coverage of Marion County Mayor David Jackson's address to the county regarding the current situation with COVID-19 in our communities.

**Local News            09/01/21   12:02pm   2:00            COVID-19, Schools**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that Marion County Schools will be CLOSING for intensive cleaning and due to COVID-19 numbers in the county schools effective tomorrow – Thursday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Monday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on Monday, Sept.13th.

**Local News            09/01/21   5:02pm   1:00            COVID-19, Community**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that Sequatchie County Officials have CLOSED Harris Park for gatherings due to COVID-19 numbers and this means the 911 Memorial will also be cancelled due to this.

**Local News            09/02/21   9:01am   1:00            Tourism, Economy**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that organizers of the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival in nearby Manchester has been cancelled due to the conditions of “The Farm” (festival grounds) following rain and storms in our local area from the remnants of Hurricane Ida. The annual festival usually brings much needed tourism and tax dollars into our local county from those staying in and shopping locally on their way to and from the festival grounds.

**Special Report       09/02/21   6:00pm   38:00            Government**

WEPG/WSDQ provides live coverage of the Town of Kimball meeting of Mayor and Aldermen, which was CLOSED to public since it was streamed online due to COVID-19 concerns.

**Local News            09/03/21   07:02am   1:00            COVID-19, Schools**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that Grundy County Schools will be CLOSING for intensive cleaning and due to COVID-19 numbers in the county schools for one week until Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Local News            09/04/21   12:02pm   2:00            COVID-19, Community**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that Sequatchie County-Dunlap Farmer’s Market will be CLOSED until further notice out of concern from rising COVID-19 numbers in the area.

**Swap & Shop      09/07/21   8:12am      4:00                      Community, Agriculture**

WEPG/WSDQ Swap & Shop Hosts talk to leaders of the local 4-H program with the UT-TSU Agriculture Extension Office in Jasper regarding an upcoming Charcuterie Board demonstration happening via Zoom – Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-6:30pm. More info is available on the UT-TSU Extension Facebook Page.

**Local News                      09/07/21   12:02pm      1:00                      Education**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that Marion County Schools have received Level 5 ratings from the State Department of Education in District Literacy, District Numeracy, and District Literacy and Numeracy.

**Special Report      09/08/21   12:02pm      10:00                      COVID-19, Gov't**

WEPG/WSDQ carries live coverage of an address from Marion County Mayor David Jackson regarding COVID-19 concerns in Marion County.

**Special Report      09/10/21   12:02pm      8:00                      COVID-19, Gov't**

WEPG/WSDQ carries live coverage of an address from Marion County Mayor David Jackson regarding COVID-19 concerns in Marion County.

**Special Report      09/10/21   5:01pm      1:00                      COVID-19, Schools**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that Sequatchie County Schools voted at their regular meeting this week that students must wear face masks inside schools and on school buses unless they have a signed opt-out form from their parent/guardian. Forms will be sent home with students.

**Special Report      09/13/21   12:02pm      20:00                      COVID-19, Gov't**

WEPG/WSDQ carries live coverage of the September meeting of the Town of Jasper Mayor and Aldermen from the Jasper City Annex.

**Local News            09/14/21   08:02am   2:00            Local Gov't**

WEPG/WSDQ News is sad to report the loss of Sequatchie County EMA Director Winfred Smith, Jr., after a courageous battle with COVID-19. Dunlap and Sequatchie County officials are asking residents to line the streets of Dunlap on Friday morning at 10am for the procession of Smith through historic Dunlap on his final resting place at National Cemetery in Chattanooga.

**Special Report    09/14/21   6:00pm    95:00            Government**

WEPG/WSDQ carries live coverage of the South Pittsburg City Commission Meeting for September 2021 live from the South Pittsburg Senior Citizen's Center activity room on Elm Avenue in South Pittsburg, TN.

**Local News            09/15/21   06:01am   1:00            Community, Food**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports the Marion County Food Bank will be distributing boxes of food and other supplies this Saturday, 9/18/21, at the South Pittsburg Armory at 8:30am CDT.

**Local News            09/17/21   05:02pm   3:00            Community, Weather**

WEPG/WSDQ News live coverage of severe weather and flooding in the listening area. The Sequatchie County Rescue Squad has first responders on the ground assisting those who have been stranded due to flooding. The Dunlap Walmart is supplying food and basic needs items to those needing assistance in the community and to those assisting in the rescue efforts. Contact the Dunlap Rescue Squad or 9-1-1 for assistance.

**Local News            09/20/21   03:02pm   2:00            Community, Safety**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports a widespread power outage for Sequachee Valley Electric customers in the Marion County area. SVEC crews have been working in conjunction with TVA to restore power to those affected since 12:30pm.

**Swap & Shop      09/22/21   08:47am   4:00      Community, Schools**

WEPG/WSDQ Swap & Shop Hosts talk to Jasper Elementary PTO President Molly Sisk about the upcoming JES Mistletoe Mania Market and PTO Community Event – scheduled for Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 from 5-8pm CST at Jasper Elementary. The event will include holiday shopping from local vendors and craftsmen, games, concessions, “Elfie-Selfies”, storytelling and more. They’re now looking for vendors (\$25/space) with a deadline of Nov. 8. Contact JES for more info.

**Local News      09/23/21   06:02am   2:00      State Gov’t, Trans.**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that Tennessee residents can now vote to select the state’s next license plate design. Four new designs are available for voting, all with a bit of a retro license plate design – two are white with blue lettering and two are blue with white lettering, all depicting the state flag emblem recognizing Tennessee’s three great divisions, the “In God We Trust” slogan, and the “tnvacation.com” wording to advertise the state’s tourism. You can vote now for the next few weeks for your pick of the designs at [tn.gov/ratetheplates](http://tn.gov/ratetheplates).

**Swap & Shop      09/23/21   09:42am   4:00      Community, Events**

WEPG/WSDQ Swap & Shop Hosts talk to organizers of the upcoming Grundy Rotary Food Fest – happening on Sunday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 1-3pm at the Tracy City Pavilion and Park. They are inviting the public to come out for a tasting and judging of local food vendors including the People’s Choice Award given for each category. They’ll also have games, a bounce house for kids, and music throughout the day.

**Swap & Shop      09/25/21   09:32am   6:00      Community, Cleanup**

WEPG/WSDQ Swap & Shop Hosts talk to officials with the Sequatchie Dunlap Chamber of Commerce regarding their “Good Old Cleaning” event for Historic Downtown Dunlap, coming up on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am. Those who want to take part are encouraged to do so by meeting organizers at the Chamber of Commerce Building on Rankin Avenue between 9:45am and 10am on the day of the event. They will then proceed to assist in cleaning the Historic Downtown area of town along the Sequatchie Valley National Scenic Byway. Shirts will be provided to volunteers...and volunteers are encouraged to bring their own gloves.

**Special Report    09/25/21    10:02am    10:00                      Local Gov't**

WEPG/WSDQ carries live coverage of an address/update from Marion County Mayor David Jackson on the current status of COVID-19 in Marion County.

**Special Report    09/27/21    6:00pm    117:00                      Local Gov't**

WEPG/WSDQ carries live coverage of the Marion County Commission monthly meeting for September 2021 from the Lawson Building on Ridley Drive in Jasper, TN.

**Swap & Shop    09/30/21    08:12am    10:00                      Community, Schools**

WEPG/WSDQ Swap & Shop Hosts talk to South Pittsburg Elementary PTO organizers of the "Shoe Us The Love" PTO fundraising event happening Saturday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 8am-1pm at the school. They ask locals to dig through their closets and homes to find gently-used shoes from toddler sizes to adult sizes – boy and girl. You can bring those to SPES on the date of the event for donation...shoes will then be distributed worldwide to those in need. Money raised from the event will help rebuild and make improvements to the school's playground equipment...including adding sun shades and general maintenance.