

**WEPG-AM / WSDQ-AM**  
 Quarterly Issues & Programs  
**4th Quarter - 2020**  
*(October, November, December)*

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<b>Special Report</b>	<b>10/2/20</b>	<b>7:01am</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>COVID-19, Community, Education, Sports</b>
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WEPG/WSDQ News covers the ongoing stride to continue secondary school athletics -- specifically football -- in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Interviews with local coaches, players, school administrators, and TSSAA officials highlight the care and caution everyone is taking this football season and what they've learned thus far that will carry-over to spring season sports such as basketball, baseball, and softball.

<b>InfoTrak</b>	<b>10/3/20</b>	<b>6:01am</b>	<b>8:43</b>	<b>Privacy, Gov't Regulation, Consumer Matters</b>
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Stuart N. Brotman, executive policy adviser, legal analyst, author of "*Privacy's Perfect Storm: Digital Policy for Post-Pandemic Times*" The COVID-19 lockdowns have expanded the online world of work and school at home to unprecedented levels. Mr. Brotman outlined the rapid increase in digital privacy issues related to this new trend, and what is necessary to address the problem. He also talked about privacy issues related to terms of agreement that consumers typically ignore when installing apps or other software.

<b>InfoTrak</b>	<b>10/3/20</b>	<b>6:10am</b>	<b>8:33</b>	<b>Criminal Reform, Entrepreneurship, Environment</b>
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Ajit Mathew George, founder of Second Chances Farms, LLC in Wilmington, DE -- Mr. George founded an organization that employs only convicted felons, training them in entrepreneurship through mentorship programs and green collar jobs at hydroponic, indoor vertical farms in economically distressed communities. He explained how the farms replace recidivism with compassionate capitalism and turn entrepreneurs-in-residence into "Agripreneurs." He also explained how the farms were forced to rapidly adapt to serving consumers directly, when the coronavirus lockdowns closed restaurants.

**InfoTrak**                    **10/3/20**    **6:23am**    **5:02**                    **Home Safety,  
Gov't Regulation,  
Consumer Matters**

Stephanie L. Bonne, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Director of the Hospital Violence Intervention Program at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School -- Dr. Bonne led a study of injuries caused by glass-topped tables. She said the furniture causes thousands of injuries each year, many requiring significant surgeries and long hospital stays. She said the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission requires tempered glass for products like doors and car windshields but it is voluntary for horizontal surfaces.

**Swap & Shop**            **10/8/20**    **9:32am**    **10:00**                    **Community, Civic Groups**

Swap & Shop hosts speak to organizers of the Jasper Lions Club annual Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree event to be held on Halloween evening at the Jasper Park regarding changes in light of COVID-10 regarding the upcoming event.

**InfoTrak**                    **10/10/20**   **6:01am**    **8:44**                    **Women's Issues,  
Parenting, Media,  
Consumer Affairs**

Carol L. Rickard, Tobacco Treatment Specialist, author of "The Benefits of Smoking: Why It's So Hard to Quit Smoking and What You Can Do about It" -- 70% of smokers would like to quit, but only 4 to 7% will be successful. Ms. Rickard explained what smokers perceive as the benefits and why it's so hard for people to kick the habit once they've started. She also discussed the potential risks associated with e-cigarettes and vaping. She suggested resources that smokers can use to quit for good

**InfoTrak**                    **10/10/20**   **6:10am**    **8:33**                    **Diversity,  
Minority Concerns,  
Workplace Matters**

Mathew Freeman, Co-Founder and Senior Executive Consultant at TMI Consulting, a diversity and inclusion management consulting firm, co-author of "Overcoming Bias: Building Authentic Relationships across Differences" -- Mr. Freeman said every human is biased in one way or another, and it's a constant process to recognize and reduce it. He explained why bias has such an impact in every aspect of life, and how companies should address it in the workplace. He said the secret to dealing with bias is by intentionally cultivating meaningful relationships with those who are different.

**InfoTrak                    10/10/20   6:23am           4:48                    Personal Health**

Gloria Lopez-Cordle, nationally-recognized patient advocate, creator of “the Personal Medical Journal”, a patient organizational tool -- A recent study found that American hospitals are making preventable medical errors that kill thousands of Americans each year. Ms. Lopez-Cordle believes that patients and their families need to take charge of their medical information to prevent mistakes by doctors. She offered advice on what kinds of medical data is important and how to organize it.

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**Swap & Shop            10/10/20   8:14am           12:00                    Community**

Hosts talk to organizers of the annual South Pittsburg Citywide Yard Sale -- the annual event where locals are encouraged to setup their yard sales across the city. This event not only includes personal property / residential owners selling their wares, but also businesses and others with specials and sales. Some land owners are also renting space to those from outside the city to sell items. WEPG/WSDQ also held a yard sale in the South Pittsburg studios / station parking lot and gave away prizes in an effort to participate in the annual event as a community leader.

**Local News                10/12/20   7:33 am           6:00                    Education**

Hosts talk to Marion County Schools Director, Dr. Mark Griffith, who reminds parents and students that school will be in session on Monday, 10/12/2020 (Columbus Day) due to the modified schedule for the 2020-2021 school year. Griffith said the board of education is looking into adding additional "break days" in the upcoming months provided the system does not have to close too often for inclement weather (snow days).

**InfoTrak**                    **10/17/20**   **6:01am**      **7:38**                    **Homelessness,  
Senior Citizens,  
Drug Abuse**

Dennis Culhane, PhD, Dana and Andrew Stone Professor of Social Policy at the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice, co-founder and Co-Director of the Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy initiative -- Over the next decade, the number of elderly homeless Americans is projected to triple — and that was before COVID-19 hit. Prof. Culhane explained why younger members of the boomer generation have remained the dominant homeless population in the United States, and what can be done to address the problem. He noted that people who experience homelessness have a life expectancy of 64-65 years.

**InfoTrak**                    **10/17/20**   **6:10am**      **9:36**                    **Broadband Internet  
Access, Rural Concerns,  
Education, Poverty**

Christopher Ali, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Media Studies, University of Virginia -- Nearly 40 million households lack a quality internet connection, cutting them off from work, schools and more. Prof. Ali said the same huge government efforts that brought electricity and telephone service to rural areas in the 1930s and 40s should be applied in a similar way to broadband service today. He said lower income and minority Americans are most likely to be affected by the digital divide.

**InfoTrak**                    **10/17/20**   **6:23am**      **5:09**                    **Alcoholism,  
Mental Health,  
COVID-19 Lockdowns**

Michael S. Pollard, PhD, Senior Sociologist at the RAND Corporation, Professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School -- Across America, alcohol consumption has risen sharply during the pandemic shutdowns. Dr. Pollard led a study that found that heavy drinking by women rose 41%. He explained who was most at risk of binge drinking and why this is a serious and ongoing problem.

**Local News**                    **10/23/20**   **8:04 am**      **1:00**                    **Local Gov't, Housing,  
COVID-19, Community**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that the South Pittsburg Housing Authority has announced their offices will be closed to the public until further notice. Anyone in need of an application for housing can download one online or request one to be mailed. Payments can be made using the drop box at the front door. All other requests can be made by phone.

**InfoTrak**                    **10/24/20**   **6:01am**    **8:31**                    **Suicide,  
Veterans Issues,  
Mental Health**

Farrokh Alemi, PhD, Professor of Health Informatics, George Mason University College of Health and Human Services -- Suicide among US veterans is on the rise. Prof. Alemi led a study that examined the reasons that vets take their own lives. He found that while social factors like family problems and homelessness can predict suicide, they are not the cause of it -- mental illness is. He said the results of the study were a surprise. He added that the social isolation that accompanies COVID-19 has been a major factor in increasing suicide rates overall.

**InfoTrak**                    **10/24/20**   **6:10am**    **8:41**                    **Healthcare Costs,  
Personal Health**

Joseph Dieleman, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Health Metric Sciences at the University of Washington, faculty lead of the Resource Tracking team at the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation -- Prof. Dieleman said five major health risks, things such as obesity, high blood pressure, and smoking, were linked to over \$730 billion in preventable health care spending in the US in 2016. He talked about policy changes and public awareness programs that may influence people to take steps to avoid costly health problems.

**InfoTrak**                    **10/24/20**   **6:23am**    **4:53**                    **Youth Sports,  
Parenting, COVID-19**

David B. Soma, MD, Pediatric Sports Medicine Specialist, Mayo Clinic -- Youth sports can help kids via exercise and the development of socialization skills, but the COVID-19 pandemic has had a dramatic effect on sports programs nationwide. Dr. Soma explained how the risks vary from one sport to another, and what parents and student athletes can do to reduce their chances of contracting the virus during sports activities.

**Special Report**    **10/26/20**   **6:00pm**    **73:17**                    **Community & Gov't**

WEPG and WSDQ carry a live meeting of the Marion County Commission from the Lawson Building in Jasper to serve those unable to attend in-person due to health concerns or disabilities limiting their exposure during COVID-19 pandemic.

**Special Report    11/2/20    8:00pm    120:17    Politics & Gov't**

WEPG and WSDQ carry a live and unsponsored election coverage from the Marion County Election Commission and Sequatchie County Election Commission -- with reports of local races as they are called from each county.

**InfoTrak            11/7/20    6:01am    9:03            Crime,  
Senior Citizens,  
Alzheimer's Disease**

Patricia Boyle, PhD, neuropsychologist, Professor of Behavioral Sciences at the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center, part of Rush University in Chicago -- Scammers are using the COVID-19 pandemic as a new weapon to target senior citizens. Dr. Boyle outlined the latest battery of financial scams, including telemarketer offers for contact tracing – for a fee – or to reserve a slot for a future vaccine. She said many older adults don't realize that they are more frequent targets of scams. She added that changes in financial decision-making may be an early warning sign of impending dementia or cognitive decline.

**InfoTrak            11/7/20    6:10am    8:11            Online Security,  
Youth at Risk,  
Parenting, Privacy**

Steve Webb, PhD, Certified Social Media Intelligence Expert, Certified A.L.I.C.E. Active Threat Training Instructor, R.A.I.D.E.R. Solo Engagement Tactics Level II Instructor for law enforcement, Associate Professor in Educational Administration at Southern Illinois University and McKendree University, the author of "Education in a Violent World" -- Online school instruction has caused children to spend more time in front of computers than ever. Dr. Webb said American parents would be shocked at how much data about a child is collected when he or she is online. He also talked about cyberbullying and its effect on the suicide rates of children.

**InfoTrak            11/7/20    6:24am    5:08            Online Security,  
Youth at Risk,  
Parenting, Privacy**

Denisa Gándara, PhD, Assistant Professor of Higher Education at Southern Methodist University in Dallas -- Prof. Gándara led a study of college promise programs at 33 community colleges, and found that free tuition boosted enrollment rates for black and Hispanic students. She explained how the programs work and how they are funded. She expressed concerns about the sustainability of the programs, as state budgets struggle in the wake of pandemic lockdowns.

**Local News**            **11/13/20**   **12:04 pm**   **1:00**            **Education**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that Dr. Mark Griffith, Director of Marion County Schools, and the board have amended the 2020-2021 Emergency School Year Calendar now to include Wednesday, Nov. 25th and Monday, December 21st, 2020 as part of Thanksgiving Break and Christmas Break, respectively. More days could be added as the year progresses.

**InfoTrak**            **11/14/20**   **6:01am**     **9:43**            **Employment,  
Technology,  
Minority Concerns**

Nicholas Bloom, PhD, Professor in the Department of Economics at Stanford University, Co-Director of the Productivity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship program at the National Bureau of Economic Research -- Around 32% of American adults are now working from home fulltime, compared to just 2% prior to the pandemic. Prof. Bloom talked about the technical handicaps faced by large numbers of workers, and why working from home produces less innovation. He also explained the inequality effect, as more educated, higher-earning employees are far more likely to work from home and continue to get paid, develop their skills and advance their careers.

**InfoTrak**            **11/14/20**   **6:11am**     **7:22**            **Gov't Spending, Taxes**

Shelby Kerns, Executive Director, National Association of State Budget Officers -- US states are facing the biggest cash crisis since the Great Depression, as varying levels of lockdowns for months have caused tax revenues to collapse. Ms. Kerns said states have responded with different approaches, including spending reductions ranging from 0 to 20%. She discussed the likelihood of state tax increases or bailouts from federal taxpayers for states in the deepest trouble.

**InfoTrak**            **11/14/20**   **6:24am**     **5:00**            **Early Childhood Ed,  
Parenting**

Linda Pagani, PhD, Senior Researcher, CHU Sainte-Justine Pediatric Hospital in Montreal -- Prof. Pagani was the senior author of a study that examined the readiness of children for kindergarten and how it affects academic performance through age 17. She said when children establish a good basis in kindergarten for subjects like vocabulary, they tend to also have less anxiety at age 17. She offered advice for parents.

**Local News            11/16/20   6:02am       1:00            Local Gov't, Community**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that the Town of Jasper will be holding their annual Christmas Parade through downtown Jasper and around the county courthouse square on Saturday, Dec. 5th, 2020 at 6:00pm. They ask that all participants let City Hall know they intend to participate with a float or vehicle by calling the city hall office. They say no participants will be allowed to throw candy from vehicles or floats this year due to COVID-19 concerns.

**Local News            11/17/20   12:04pm       1:00            Community, COVID-19**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that the University of Tennessee / Tennessee State University Agricultural Extension Office (UT TSU Extension Office) at the Barker Building in Jasper will be closed until further notice due to rising COVID-19 cases in the county. They will be available by phone or appointment only until further notice.

**Local News            11/18/20   6:02am       1:00            Local Business,  
Economy**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that as of Tuesday, Nov. 17th, 2020, the Pizza Hut located at 354 Kimball Crossing Drive in the shopping center in Kimball, TN, was temporarily closed. Calls to the regional office were not returned and exact reasons for the closure are unknown at this time. WEPG/WSDQ News cites that Pizza Hut parent company, Yum! Brands, based in Louisville, Kentucky, had recently announced up to 300 locations would be closing as part of a deal between the Yum! Brands chain and one of their largest franchisees, NPC International, due to several locations underperforming. (Source: ABC News)

**Special Report       11/18/20   10:06am       43:45           Local Gov't., Economy,  
Industry, Employment**

WEPG/WSDQ host Sam Johnson presents a special report -- an address from Sequatchie County Executive Keith Cartwright; Dunlap, TN Mayor Dwain Land; along with members of the Sequatchie County Chamber of Commerce -- discussing COVID-19 numbers within Sequatchie County and Dunlap along with other happenings including testing sites, dates, and times. Also, Mann+Hummel's Plant Supervisor, Dirk Bayliss; and HR Supervisor, Laura Clark, were present to announce that Mann+Hummel -- the county's largest employer -- is still hiring in the county and seeks around 100 more positions to be filled. Bayliss and Clark say that the plant is doing direct hiring with competitive benefits at the time.

**Special Report    11/20/20    7:06am    2:39    Education, Parenting**

Marion County Director of Schools, Dr. Mark Griffith, addresses listeners via radio, cable access TV and Facebook Live regarding the state of the schools amid rising COVID-19 cases in Marion County. Griffith says rumors were being spread that schools would be going 100% virtual, however those are NOT true, and Marion Schools will remain the current hybrid course (in-person and virtual) for the present time. He said the schools have less than 100 total cases of COVID at this time among students and staff. About 25% of students have opted for virtual across the county and all is going well as we maintain social distancing and healthy decisions.

**Swap & Shop    11/20/20    9:35am    5:00    Animal Welfare**

Hosts talk to organizers with MARC -- the Marion County Animal Resource Connection, who is in need of new fosters and volunteers to help the animal placement organization. MARC has a new office located at 225 Sequatchie Ln., in Sequatchie, TN. They ask for volunteers to show up at 12:00 Noon CST on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020. They will have information, the ability for you to sign up, and light refreshments for those attending.

**InfoTrak    11/21/20    6:01am    9:43    Public Health, COVID**

William Schaffner, MD, Professor of Preventive Medicine, Department of Health Policy, Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases at Vanderbilt University -- This year's flu season presents a unique challenge as COVID-19 positive tests continue to rise. Dr. Schaffner outlined the similarities and differences between the flu and COVID-19, and discussed the chances that the similar symptoms may cause doctors to make wrong diagnoses. He also addressed reports that cases of influenza appear to have plummeted by 98% across the globe. He recommended that patients contact their doctor via email or phone if they suspect they have the coronavirus, to avoid spreading it in waiting rooms or emergency rooms.

**InfoTrak    11/21/20    6:11am    7:22    Education, Technology**

Justin Reich, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Comparative Media Studies/Writing Department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Director of the MIT Teaching Systems Lab, author of "Failure to Disrupt: Why Technology Alone Can't Transform Education" -- Dr. Reich delivered a report card on the latest supposedly transformative educational technologies. He said assessment technology does a poor job of measuring whether a child is truly learning. He said most teachers were ill-prepared to make such a rapid transition to online learning this year, and explained how that problem can be addressed.

**InfoTrak                    11/21/20   6:24am      5:00                    Physical Fitness,  
Economy/Small Business**

Nick Rizzo, Fitness Research Director, RunRepeat.com -- As businesses of all types struggle to stay afloat during COVID-19, a new poll has some bad news for gyms around the globe. Mr. Rizzo said only 31 percent of gym members have returned to their fitness clubs thus far, a more dismal result than gym owners expected. He said new lockdowns this winter could potentially cause a majority of gyms to never reopen.

**Local News                    11/23/20   7:02am      1:00                    Rural Issues,  
Broadband Access**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that the Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC) and SVEConnect are now connecting homes and businesses to their fiber optic broadband network in the Battle Creek community of Marion County. According to a statement made by the utility on Facebook, SVEConnect is now connecting to all of Battle Creek -- to the end of Ladd's Cove. Stage Coach and Jackson Point will be open for connections in about a week. SVEConnect offers 100% fiber optic connection including up to 1 Gbps internet, telephone, and television with no contracts or deposits to local residents and offer business services as well.

**Special Report            11/23/20   6:00pm      121:00                Community & Gov't**

WEPG and WSDQ carry a live meeting of the Marion County Commission from the Lawson Building in Jasper to serve those unable to attend in-person due to health concerns or inabilities limiting their exposure during COVID-19 pandemic.

**Swap & Shop                11/25/20   8:21am      3:00                    Agriculture, Education,  
Youth Involvement**

Representatives from the UT TSU Extension Office have moved 4-H poster judging ONLINE for 2020 due to COVID-19. They ask those who can to visit their Facebook Page to "vote" on the poster they feel is worthy to win. You can vote for multiple posters...the images are live on their page and a winner will be announced in a few weeks.

**Special Report    11/25/20    1:00p    21:00    Local Gov't, COVID-19**

WEPG/WSDQ covers a live press conference from Marion County Mayor, David Jackson, regarding COVID-19 updates including current case numbers, death count, and testing information for county residents. Jackson reminds residents to please continue wearing a mask, if possible, but says he does not see the need for a mandate in the county. He also advises residents to make smart hygiene decisions regarding hand-washing, etc. He advises that residents have choice for their personal decisions regarding upcoming holiday gatherings and travel, but ask that everyone please be responsible and smart.

**InfoTrak                    11/28/20    6:01am    9:41                    Sex Trafficking,  
Youth at Risk, Crime**

Jan Edwards, President and CEO of Paving the Way, an organization that raises awareness about sex trafficking through public education -- Ms. Edwards discussed the growing issue of sex trafficking. She said the problem is rampant in every corner of the U.S, and that the average victim drawn into the sex trade is age 14 to 16. She outlined other characteristics of those most at risk, and how predators target and groom their victims.

**InfoTrak                    11/28/20    6:11am    7:31                    Workplace Matters,  
Career**

Ted Frank, career consultant, author of "Get to the Heart" -- Mr. Frank discussed the importance of learning how to effectively communicate in the workplace. He explained how it can increase efficiency and improve productivity. He believes presentations should focus on no more than three key points at a time, and that the use of examples and illustrations is crucial to improved communications.

**InfoTrak                    11/28/20    6:24am    5:06                    Energy, Consumers**

Steve Cicala, PhD, Assistant professor at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago, Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research -- Dr. Cicala led a study that determined that deregulated power markets on the wholesale level have significantly cut the cost of generating electricity, saving consumers \$3 billion a year. He discussed how this little-known market works and why it should matter to consumers. He also explained how smart meters will eventually give consumers even greater power in managing their energy costs.

**Swap & Shop      11/30/20    9:42am      4:00              Community, Sports**

Hosts talk to officials at South Pittsburg High School regarding the upcoming TSSAA Class 1A State Championship Game in the "BlueCross Bowl" in Cookeville, following the South Pittsburg Pirate's win in the play-off semi-finals last Friday. The game will be held in Cookeville at the university rain or shine. Kick-off will be at 3:00pm CST. The band will be traveling with the team for the game. All will be leaving SPHS at 10am on Friday -- social distancing on buses will be mandated. Tickets will be available through the TSSAA's website for the game. It can be heard on WEPG on Friday, as reminded by the school.

**Local News              12/1/20      6:02am      2:00              Education, Community,  
Weather Coverage**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports school closings due to winter weather for Marion County, Sequatchie County, Grundy County, Bledsoe County, and Van Buren County in Tennessee; Dade County in Georgia; and Jackson and DeKalb County in Alabama; due to minor snow accumulation on the Cumberland Plateau and other higher-elevations in the listening areas. While the valley does not have significant snow accumulation -- ice is present on some secondary and other surface roads prompting officials to shutter schools for the day.

**Local News              12/2/20      8:02am      1:00              Community, Literacy**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports the Carolyn Stewart Public Library (Jasper Library) is still open for those wishing to check-out books and materials, however the inside access is closed until further notice due to rising COVID-19 cases in the county. Those wishing to obtain a book or other item may call-ahead and employees inside will offer "curbside service" by calling them at 423-942-3369.

**Local News              12/2/20      12:01pm      1:00              Community, Sports**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that the upcoming basketball game and Senior Night activities at Marion County High School in Jasper (versus Richard Hardy Memorial School) for Friday, Dec. 4th, 2020, would be postponed until further notice. New information regarding Senior Night will be forthcoming.

**Swap & Shop**      **12/3/20**      **8:39am**      **8:00**      **Community, Arts,  
Civic Organizations**

WEPG/WSDQ hosts talk about the upcoming holiday presentation "Christmas at the Opry" -- presented by the Marion County Community Theatre organization at South Pittsburg's historic Princess Theatre -- December 3rd and 4th. Organizers discuss the play and musical presentation starring locals from South Pittsburg, Jasper, Kimball, Whitwell, Monteagle, and other surrounding areas -- along with COVID-19 guidelines for those attending the nearly-sold-out shows.

**Local News**      **12/3/20**      **12:03pm**      **1:00**      **COVID-19, Community,  
Local Gov't**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports that due to COVID-19 exposure, the Sequatchie County Chamber of Commerce offices will be closed for the next two weeks. Employees will be working from home to take requests for Christmas baskets and toys in coordination with and from the Lions Club and can leave information on the voicemail at the Chamber office and their calls will be returned.

**Local News**      **12/4/20**      **6:03am**      **1:00**      **Economy,  
Local Business,  
Agriculture**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports more and more people in the Tennessee Valley are looking for live (real) Christmas trees this holiday season due to the pandemic and are turning to local producers of live trees for those including tree farms in nearby Ringgold, GA; Rising Fawn, GA; rural Jackson County, Alabama; and locally from McDowell's Big Fork Nursery on Suck Creek Mountain in Whitwell, TN.

**InfoTrak**      **12/5/20**      **6:01am**      **8:48**      **Women's Issues,  
Employment**

Valerie Burton, Certified Personal and Executive Coach, founder of The Coaching and Positive Psychology Institute, author of "Successful Women Speak Differently: 9 Habits That Build Confidence, Courage, and Influence" -- Ms. Burton said the most successful women are often not the most talented, the most gifted, or even the most experienced. She believes the knack for communicating is what opens doors and gives women influence in the workplace. She outlined simple techniques women can utilize to be more clearly understood and respected.

**InfoTrak                    12/5/20    6:11am    8:19                    School Shootings,  
Unemployment**

John Hagan, PhD, John D. Macarthur Professor of Sociology and Law, Northwestern University -- Dr. Hagan led a study that uncovered a connection between increased unemployment rates and school shootings. He said the findings were consistent across the all regions of the U.S. and that shooters come from all backgrounds and income levels. He offered possible explanations behind this trend.

**InfoTrak                    12/5/20    6:24am    5:02                    Crime Prevention,  
Personal Safety**

Jason Hanson, former CIA officer, security specialist, author of "Spy Secrets That Can Save Your Life: A Former CIA Officer Reveals Safety and Survival Techniques to Keep You and Your Family Protected" -- Mr. Hanson discussed ways to prevent and react to home invasions or abductions. He explained simple steps the average homeowner can take to make a house criminal-proof. He also offered tips on how to stay safe while traveling.

**Swap & Shop            12/5/20    8:03am    6:00                    Community, Events**

WEPG/WSDQ hosts talk to city officials (Jimmy Haley) regarding the South Pittsburg Christmas Parade to be held later today (12/5/20) along Cedar Ave. in downtown. Lineup will begin at the same location as previous years and the parade will disband once they pass 1st street. Those participating in the parade are asked to NOT throw candy due to COVID-19 concerns. Spectators are asked to please wear a mask and practice social distancing. The parade begins at 10am CST.

**Swap & Shop            12/8/20    9:21am    5:00                    Community, Events**

WEPG/WSDQ hosts talk to city officials in Whitwell regarding their upcoming Christmas Parade held on Saturday, December 12th, 2020 at 6pm....to follow the same route as the Labor Day Parade along TN-28 from the south of town to the ballpark. Candy is not permitted this year for COVID-19 concerns and spectators are asked to practice safe and smart social distancing for the event.

**Swap & Shop**      **12/9/20**    **9:03am**      **10:00**      **Community, Events**

WEPG/WSDQ hosts talk to organizers with the Dunlap Christmas for Kids, which will be held tomorrow (12/10/20) at 4pm CST at Harris Park in Dunlap, TN. Organizers remind those planning to attend that this is a drive-thru ONLY event this year and there will be no Santa pictures for this year due to COVID-19 concerns.

**Swap & Shop**      **12/10/20**    **8:37am**      **2:00**      **Community,  
Organizations,  
Sports**

WEPG/WSDQ hosts talk to organizer Kristy Hubbard of fundraiser for the MG travel ball team -- Force Elite -- regarding their raffle ticket fundraiser. Grand Prize is four tickets to the Atlanta Braves 2021 season opener...other prizes include TVs, gift cards, and more. Tickets cost \$10 and benefit the Force Elite Fastpitch team. Drawing will be held on 12/12/20. Kristy Hubbard is the contact person for tickets.

**Special Report**    **12/18/20**    **7:03am**      **5:00**      **Education, Schools**

Marion County Director of Schools, Dr. Mark Griffith, addresses listeners regarding the state of the schools and wishes all students, families, and staff/teachers a blessed holiday season on this final day of school before holiday break.

**Local News**      **12/21/20**    **9:01am**      **1:00**      **Community,  
Homelessness,  
Human Welfare**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports of local shelters and organizations including the Chattanooga Community Kitchen, Chattanooga Salvation Army, and others who will open this holiday season providing a warm place to sleep and a hot meal or two for the Christmas Season and covers COVID-19 guidelines for those shelters and organizations. Locally, if a family is need of food for the holidays, you can contact Pastor David Berry with Cornerstone / Marion County Community Foodbank for assistance as available.

**Local News**      **12/24/20 7:01am**      **1:00**      **Safety, Travel,  
Law Enforcement**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports officials with the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) will be enforcing traffic laws on interstates and highways in the state throughout the holidays. They remind you to buckle-up -- it's the law -- and to drive safely, within the speed limit, and not to drink and drive or you could lose your license or your life. THP officials say they will have increased patrols throughout the holiday season in the Chattanooga district. Additionally, TDOT (TN Dept of Transportation) officials say they are halting most major construction projects across the state for the holidays.

**Local News**      **12/29/20 9:33am**      **2:00**      **Safety, Travel,  
Law Enforcement**

WEPG/WSDQ News reports officials with the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) will be enforcing traffic laws on interstates and highways in the state throughout New Year's Eve and Day. They remind you to buckle-up -- it's the law -- and to drive safely, within the speed limit, and not to drink and drive or you could lose your license or your life. THP officials say they will have increased patrols throughout New Year's Eve and New Year's Day in the Chattanooga district. If you drink, they encourage you to have a designated driver, call a cab, a friend, Uber, or Lyft and to not take the risk.

**Local & ABC News**   **12/31/20 12:01pm**      **121:00**      **Local & Nat'l News,  
Special Report**      **Community, COVID-19,  
Human Interest**

WEPG/WSDQ News with the assistance from ABC News Radio highlight some of the biggest stories and events of the year 2020 -- from the year's beginning in January to the first days of the Coronavirus pandemic in our local area beginning in March. We recap and review local school closings due to the pandemic and local government response as the pandemic became more widespread. We also highlight how people in our communities made a difference -- risking their own safety to make sure others were cared for and safe. We look back on what we lost this year -- events, get-togethers, and most of all the people in our community of note that we said goodbye to, not all due to COVID-19. We also reflect on local politics, national politics, the election, and the good times we were able to create from 2020. We include top local stories, highlight national stories, and touch on human interest and events from all around our region in this two hour news and review special.