

WCRL QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAM LISTS

4th Quarter 2021

Issues: 'Round the Town News, Weekly, Monday through Friday including interviews with local officials. Broadcasts cover special events and activities to inform listeners and encourage participation. The events reflect the activity of community, municipal, county and state organizations, clubs, special interest groups, civic and youth groups, churches and other agencies.

Announced events:

Blount County - Oneonta Chamber of Commerce 2021 Covered Bridge Festival (Saturday, October 9, 2021)

Blountsville Harvest Festival (Saturday, October 16, 2021)

Harvest Festival and Halloween Events Sunday, October 24 through Sunday, October 31, 2021 including Trunk of Treats events sponsored by Oneonta Business Association, Park Avenue Baptist Church, Lester Memorial United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church of Oneonta, Nectar Baptist Church, Cleveland Fire Department, Town of Blountsville and Town of Snead.

Meetings, Services and Special Events Covered:

1. Oneonta Public Library
2. Blountsville Public Library
3. Friends of the Locust Fork River
 - a. River Cleanups on Saturdays
 - b. River Overlook at Cleveland - stairwalk landscape planting
4. Blount County Courthouse - County Offices
5. Blount County Commission
6. Blount County Emergency Management Agency
 - a. Severe weather events
 - b. Road and highway maintenance
 - c. Closures and Hazard events
7. Summit Volunteer Fire Department
8. Brooksville Volunteer Fire Department
9. Bellew's Chapel Baptist Church
 - a. Food Pantry Saturday, December 11
10. Blount County Department of Human Resources
 - a. Foster Parent Training Classes beginning Tuesday, January 11, 2022
11. Blountsville Historical Park
12. Community Action Agency of Northeast Alabama
 - a. Utility Payment Assistance
13. Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 2213 in Odenville
14. Pine Mountain Community Center

- a. Ham and turkey benefit sales for Thanksgiving and Christmas

Christmas Events:

1. Blount County Oneonta Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade to be held Tuesday, December 7, 2021
 - a. Thursday Evening Shopping
 - b. Events with local merchants
 - c. Christmas Breakfast at Lester Memorial UMC in Oneonta on December 15, 2021
2. Oneonta Business Association
 - a. Christmas Creature Parade
 - b. Annual Griswold Goodwill Tour of Homes
 - c. Christmas Tree Decorating Contest and Christmas Tree Lighting
 - d. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at St. Vincent Blount Hospital
 - e. Live Nativity experience downtown Oneonta
 - f. Santa's Coming to Town with the Oneonta Fire and Rescue Services
 - g. Business and Retail Christmas Decorating Competition
3. Blount County Community Arts Council
 - a. "A Christmas Carol" presentation in Oneonta
4. Covered Bridge Players
 - a. "Christmas Belles" Play
5. Palisades Park
 - a. Christmas Lights Drive Through with music provided by WCRL
 - b. December 1 through December 31
6. Church Christmas Presentations
 - a. Park Avenue Baptist Church
 - b. Pleasant View Baptist Church, Holly Pond
 - c. Southside Church
 - d. Lester Memorial UMC
 - e. Union Hill Baptist
 - i. Christmas in the Country presented December 11, 2021

Issues: Sporting Events for Local Schools

2021 High School Football Season

1. Broadcast of Blount County high school football games on Friday nights
2. Broadcast playoff games involving Blount County Schools continued during the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) post-season championship series.
3. Semi-final Football Playoff week which included Cleveland, Oneonta and Southeastern High Schools
 - a. November 23, 2021 Gregg Armstrong interviewed coaches Gardner Gilland (Cleveland) and Phil Phillips (Oneonta).
4. Friday, December 3, 2021 broadcast State Football Championship games
 - a. Class 4A Oneonta vs. Vigor

b. Class 2A Cleveland vs. Clarke County

2021 Blount County Schools Junior High Girls and Boys Basketball Tournaments

- 1. Held at JB Pennington High School**
- 2. Monday, December 3, 2021 Broadcast of semi-final tournament games**
- 3. Thursday, December 16, 2021 Broadcast of girls and boys tournaments and championship games**

Issues: Death, Memorial, Funeral and Celebration of Life Announcements for area residents and family members

Issues: Weather forecasts, reviews and several weather events coverage including information from National Weather Service and the Blount County EMA.

Issues: 2021 Blount County Veterans Parade

Held Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 10:00 AM. On Wednesday, October 6, 2021, interviewed Lester Hallman with Blount County Disabled Veterans regarding Operation Grateful Heart Committee. Discussed parade, registration, procedures and requests for floats and vehicles.

Monday, October 11, 2021 (11:45 - 12:00) Interviewed Bethany O'Rear, Extension Service Agent with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System - Blount County Office. Discussed fall vegetable gardens - plant selection, fertilizer, insect and pest disease control.

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 (10:45 - 12:05) Leland Venable interview. Marine Corps League and Operation Grateful Heart Committee. Discussed requests for various parade entries to represent community, civic, church, youth and service organizations. Reviewed registration process.

Monday, October 18,, 2021 (11:45 - 12:00) Discussed with Bethany O'Rear with the Cooperative Extension Service fall landscape planting of shrubbery, plant maintenance, mulching and choosing tree varieties for planting.

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 (11:45 - 12:05) Interviewed Larry Baker - Vietnam Conflict Veteran and DAV member. Discussed parade registration, parade route.

Thursday, October 21, 2021 (11:45 – 12:00) Interviewed Jennifer Doty and Dan Godwin of Hope House of Oneonta. Reviewed new support services for veterans for personal, career and financial counseling and group meetings. Seeking to coordinate with other organizations.

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 (11:45 - 12:05) Ed and Beverly Herd interview. Ed was a Marine Veteran and member of Operation Grateful Heart Committee. Noted that Honor Flight Members would be parade grand marshals. Reviewed service and purpose of Operation Grateful Heart organization.

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 (11:45 - 12:00) Dalton Wester interview. Navy Veteran and retired Blount County Veterans Service Officer for the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs. Discussed parade formation procedures. Received history and meaning of Veterans Day.

Monday, November 8, 2021 (11:45 - 12:00) Interviewed Chris Green, Blount County Probate Judge, and Rodney Green, Superintendent of Blount County School System, regarding Blount County Designated Property Tax for Blount County School System and Oneonta City Schools - Renewal Ballot Vote

Referendum. Explanation of the vote to renew the designated property tax that has benefitted Blount County Schools since 1935, providing essential funding. A renewal vote is presented every 25 to 35 years. Explanation of ballot appearance and voting locations across Blount County.

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 (11:45 - 12:00) Discussed with Bethany O'Rear with the Cooperative Extension Service winter care for maintaining potted plants inside the home; fall vegetable garden maintenance.

Friday, November 19, 2021 Blount County Education Foundation - Teacher Classroom Grant Awards - presentation for Pre-K through 12th Grade classes for Blount County Schools. Announced funding of pledges by donations received during the 23rd Annual BCEF Radiothon which was held in September and approved grant proposals by teachers.

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 (11:45 - 12:00) Discussed with Bethany O'Rear with the Cooperative Extension Service use of natural materials and plants for Christmas decorations like holiday wreaths and accent pieces. Also how to care for live Christmas trees and plants.