



What's New on the Hill

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Gov. Bill Lee 
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Maria and I are grateful for the outpouring of prayers and support we have received since her lymphoma diagnosis last August. The first phase of treatment went well, and we thank the medical team for their exceptional care and commitment. Later this month, Maria will begin the next phase of treatment, as she prepares to undergo a bone marrow transplant. While there are difficult days ahead, Maria and I have great trust in the Lord. We too are praying that God brings peace and comfort to all Tennesseans who are facing challenges in their own lives.



Governor
Bill Lee

First lady Maria Lee to undergo bone marrow transplant

Please join us in steadfast prayer for Tennessee's First Lady and all those that love her so dearly. Prayers that God will continue to bless Maria with all she needs for this next phase. May her transplant take hold and bring her complete healing!

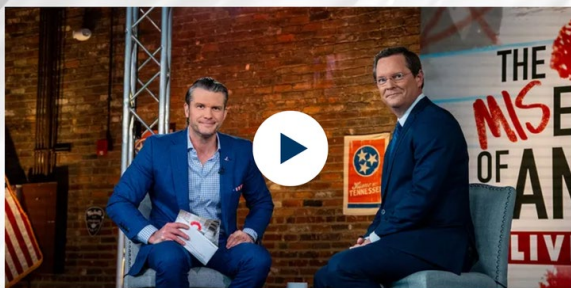
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Woke schools challenged by Tennessee House speaker:

We can't afford to lose battle 'for the fabric of America'

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WATCH: Tennessee House Speaker Cameron Sexton reveals how political leaders can fight for children in the classroom during Fox Nation's 'MisEducation of America' live summit.



GOV. BILL LEE STATE OF THE STATE

**THIS MONDAY
FEBRUARY 6TH AT
6PM CENTRAL**

Governor Bill Lee's State of this State address is this upcoming Monday, February 6th at 6pm CT. The joint session will take place in the House Chamber of the Tennessee State Capitol.

The address can be found on Lee's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels and will be aired statewide.



Make Your Heart Priority

Today, the Capitol was covered in red supporting “National Wear Red Day”, raising awareness for heart disease and strokes in women.

Meagan wore red for women because 2 years ago today her mother passed unexpectedly from heart disease. Don’t wait to get checked. #WearRedDay

Friends of Harris Frazier Q&A

A little fun! We’ve reached out to friends and colleagues to participate in a questionnaire to learn more about our leadership. This week we’re excited to introduce the **Comptroller of the Treasury of Tennessee - Jason E. Mumpower!**

Comptroller Mumpower, of Bristol, TN, was elected Tennessee's 35th Comptroller of the Treasury on January 13, 2021. He is responsible for leading the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, which comprises 12 divisions and more than 580 employees, and ensuring the Office fulfills its mission to make government work better.

Q: What are the greatest challenges you think the state of Tennessee will face in 2023?

A: *I think the state of Tennessee's greatest potential challenge in 2023 could be a slowing economy that leads to a recession. This could not only impact our state's revenue collections, but moreover it would likely result in job losses and hardships for Tennesseans. Fortunately, the General Assembly and Governor Lee have made sure Tennessee is as well-prepared as any other state to meet such a challenge thanks to our conservative revenue estimates, strong rainy day fund reserves, and low debt burden.*

Q: What is something that you're passionate about working on that your office has the ability to improve on for Tennesseans?

A: *The mission of the Comptroller's Office is to make government work better. My passion is that everything we do is measured along that line. We want government to work better in every facet - whether it is providing tax relief to the elderly and disabled, producing independent audits that lead to positive change, or delivering cutting-edge, objective research that helps improve outcomes in our schools. Everything the Comptroller's Office does has the ability to make government work better and ultimately improve the lives of Tennesseans.*

Q: What motivated you to pursue and continue to serve in your position?

A: *I am motivated and excited to be surrounded by the hundreds of people who work in Comptroller's Office who find a variety of ways to make government work better. I am always excited to come to work to face new and exciting challenges, and I'm proud to have a team of dedicated professionals to help me and our state's leaders meet them.*

Updated Campaign Contribution Limits

The Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance has updated campaign contribution limits for the years 2023-2024. These updated limits are as follows:

OFFICE SOUGHT	PERSON	PAC	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PACS (EXCLUDES POLITICAL PARTY PACS)	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM POLITICAL PARTY PACS ¹
Statewide Candidates (incl. Governor)	\$4,900	\$14,400	50% of total PAC contributions	\$477,300
State Senate	\$1,800	\$28,800	\$286,400	\$76,300
State Rep.	\$1,800	\$14,400	\$143,200	\$38,300
All Other State ² and Local Offices	\$1,800	\$9,400	\$143,200	\$38,300

Candidates and PACs are REQUIRED, in addition to other reports required to be filed with the Registry of Election Finance by Tennessee's campaign finance statutes, to report to the Registry or the county election commission. [Senate Bill 1005/House Bill 1201](#).

In the News

Gov. Lee names Tennessee Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals Appointees

Governor Lee announced the appointment of Dwight E. Tarwater to the Tennessee Supreme Court and Matthew Wilson to the Court of Criminal Appeals, Western Section.

[Local Memphis](#) - February 3, 2023

What to know about Tennessee's clash with the VA on Biden's abortion rule

Tennessee Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti announced earlier this month that the state is supporting a lawsuit seeking to overturn a Biden administration rule allowing the Department of Veteran Affairs to "provide access to" abortions and abortion counseling for veterans.

[Tennessean](#) - Feb 3, 2023

UT Martin Chancellor Keith Carver tapped to serve UTIA leadership post

KNOXVILLE – University of Tennessee System President Randy Boyd and University of Tennessee, Knoxville Chancellor Donde Plowman announced leadership transitions today at the UT Institute of Agriculture. Senior Vice Chancellor and Senior Vice President Carrie Castille will become a special advisor to the president of the UT System and Keith Carver, chancellor at the University of Tennessee at Martin, will serve as the new leader of the UT Institute of Agriculture (UTIA). Pending board approval, Carver will begin March 1.

[UTM](#) - January 26, 2023

TriStar Hendersonville announces \$80 million hospital expansion

HENDERSONVILLE – TriStar Hendersonville Medical Center, an affiliate of HCA Healthcare, is proud to announce an \$80 million hospital expansion project. This project includes an addition of 32 inpatient beds for medical, surgical and telemetry services and renovation and expansion of support spaces.

[Nashville Medical News](#) - Jan. 27, 2023

New spray fights infections and antibiotic resistance

The World Health Organization (WHO) ranks antibiotic resistance as one of the top ten threats to global health. There is therefore a great need for new solutions to tackle resistant bacteria and reduce the use of antibiotics. A group of researchers at Chalmers University of Technology in Sweden are now presenting a new spray that can kill even antibiotic-resistant bacteria, and that can be used for wound care and directly on implants and other medical devices.

[Nashville Medical News](#) - Jan. 27, 2023

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, unveils 10-year campus improvement master plan

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (WATE) – The University of Tennessee has been looking for ways to enhance the campus experience for its students and those who visit for recreational or game days. The advisory board of the university met on Friday to present the master plan for the campus. Tire Nichols Video: When Will Memphis Police Department Release Bodycam Footage? One of the big issues discussed at the meeting was the need for housing on and around campus and where everyone will park. One of the main architects who oversaw the planning shared his vision for the future of the campus.

[Local Today](#) - Jan. 27, 2023

Some Addiction Treatment Centers Turn Big Profits by Scaling Back Care

Near the end of his scheduled three-month stay at a rehab center outside Austin, Texas, Daniel McKegney was forced to tell his father in North Carolina that he needed more time and more money, he recently recalled. His father had already received bills from BRC Recovery totaling about \$150,000 to cover McKegney's treatment for addiction to the powerful opioid fentanyl, according to insurance statements shared with KHN. But McKegney, 20, said he found the program

"suffocating" and wasn't happy with his care. Read more...
KHN - Jan. 31, 2023

Nashville Mayor John Cooper to not seek reelection

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (WTVF) — Mayor John Cooper will not be seeking reelection. Cooper was elected as the Nashville mayor in 2019.

On Tuesday, the ninth mayor of Nashville made the announcement to not run for a second term. "We're leaving Nashville in great shape for the next mayor," Mayor John Cooper said. Cooper will leave city hall after eight years of service. Before being elected mayor, he served for four years as an At-Large Member of Metro Council.

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