

# West Hills plans celebration to bring in Spring

## WVLT's Calfee to emcee, speak to youth at public event

Bring in Spring in West Hills!

The West Hills Community Association will sponsor a Dogwood Arts Spring Celebration from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Saturday, April 18, on the West Hills Greenway, 409 Vanosdale Road near West Hills Elementary School.

The annual event will feature a gardening booth; live music; food and drink; children's activities; and door prizes. About a dozen artists and craftspeople will have booths for their wares, which include birdhouses, bird feeders, abstract paintings, art featuring East Tennessee flora and fauna, fish art, jewelry, lotions, candles, prints, fingernail art and more.

WVLT reporter/anchor Olivia Calfee will speak to young people about what it takes to pursue a career in television news. Calfee, who will also emcee the celebration, will give her presentation at 11:30 a.m.

The event also includes the planting and dedication of two dogwood trees on the Jean Teague Greenway in John Byron Park. The trees, donated by Ellenberg Nursery, will each bear a plaque honoring the recipients of WHCA's Volunteer Leadership Awards: Clara and the lap Cap Hardin, and Larry Silverstein.

The celebration is free and open to the public.

**What:** West Hills Dogwood Arts Spring Celebration

**When:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 18

**Where:** West Hills Greenway, 409 Vanosdale Road

**Includes:** Artists/craftspeople, gardening, live music, food and drink, children's activities, door prizes, "master class" for youth on pursuing journalism careers by WVLT reporter/anchor Olivia Calfee

**More information:** <https://westhillsknoxville.org/>

## **About Olivia Calfee**

Calfee joined the WVLT morning team in August 2024 as morning traffic reporter and anchor.

A native of Cleveland, Tennessee, Calfee knew from an early age that she wanted to pursue a career in journalism, as she has always had a passion for storytelling. Having grown up watching sports with her father, she initially planned to be a sports broadcaster. That changed when, while pursuing a degree in Journalism and Electronic Media at the University of Tennessee, she interned at WVLT-TV. During her internship, Calfee quickly fell in love with the news industry. Her first post-graduation journalism job was at WVLT's sister station, WYMT, in Hazard, Kentucky, where she served as morning anchor and reporter from 2022-2024. In addition to countless local stories, Calfee covered several national news stories, including the deadly flash flooding in July 2022.

Calfee was named the Kentucky Broadcasters Association 2023 "Rookie of the Year" and won first place in the "Feature Story" category at the KBA Impact in Broadcasting Awards.

At WVLT, Calfee is on air weekday mornings, from 6-9 a.m. as traffic reporter, and co-anchoring with Christyn Allen from 8-10 a.m.

When she's not working, you can find Calfee cheering on the Vols and enjoying time with her family and her beloved cat Cruz.