

## **2023 Fourth Quarter Issues/Programs**

### **Education**

10/4/23      Air Time: 6:45/8:33am, 4:30pm      Run Time: 5:04

This week new teachers in the Escambia County School District are receiving free boxes of much-needed classroom supplies, reflective of items they often buy with their own money. It's part of the new program, 'Tools for Teachers,' an online resource store launched by the Escambia County Public Schools Foundation, in partnership with the school district's central warehouse.

### **Culture/History/Florida Politics**

10/5/23      Air Time: 6:45/8:34am, 4:30pm      Run Time: 5:27

A New York Times best-selling author is coming home to Pensacola this month. Craig Pittman talked to WUWF's Bob Barrett reports about various issues, including his time covering local news and politics in Pensacola, writing his "Oh Florida" blog for online platform Slate, and his support for libraries amid the recent move to ban certain books.

### **Elections/Politics**

10/5/23      Air Time: 6:29/8:34am      Run Time: 2:30

Florida Panhandle Congressman Matt Gaetz has dominated the national news this week as he led the rebellion to oust Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. Constituents in Northwest Florida were watching the news unfold. WUWF's Jennie McKeon found out what some of them had to say. She spoke to Scott of Navarre, Jim Bryant, Gary Boutwell of Pensacola and Mark of Pensacola. More information is available on our website, [wuwf.org](http://wuwf.org).

### **Politics/Environment-Clean Water**

10/6/23      Air Time: 6:45/8:45am, 4:29pm      Run Time: 5:23

A proposed constitutional amendment in Florida would give residents in the state a 'fundamental right to clean and healthy waters.' Joe Bonasia (Boh NAY zee uh) is chair of the Florida Rights of Nature Network and is leading the petition campaign for Florida Right to Clean Water.org, which is sponsoring the amendment. He recently spoke to WUWF's Sandra Averhart.

#### UWF/Elections/Politics

10/10/23      Air Time: 6:45/8:34am, 4:30pm      Run Time: 5:22

The University of West Florida is gearing up to host a debate on whether to abolish the Electoral College. The event, tomorrow evening, is the first to be presented under the university's new Office of Public Policy Events (OPPE). New state law requires public universities in Florida to have such offices to oversee campus speaker events. WUWF's Sandra Averhart has details.

#### Pensacola Jewish Community on Israel-Hamas War

10/13/23      Air Time: 6:29/8:29am, 4:30pm      Run Time: 4:19

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has signed an executive order declaring a state of emergency over the Israel-Hamas war, pledging to provide supplies and flights for Floridians seeking to leave Israel. Thursday's order came days after Hamas attacked the country, sparking a war that has already claimed the lives of 27 Americans and more than 27 hundred people combined in Israel and Gaza. Watching the violence unfold has been very difficult for members of the Jewish community in Pensacola.

#### Arts/Cultural Heritage

10/19/23      Air Time: 6:29/8:29am, 4:33pm      Run Time: 2:32

A daylong music festival is coming to Pensacola next month as part of Foo Foo Fest. WUWF's Bob Barrett has details on this year's Night Moves Music Fest.

## Water Conservation/Reuse

10/20/23      Air Time: 6:45/8:29am, 4:30pm      Run Time: 5:05

Okaloosa County held a ribbon-cutting ceremony this morning in Niceville to celebrate the completion of a nearly 12-mile reclaimed water pipeline. WUWF's Sandra Averhart reports, the new pipeline will allow some Niceville area residents and businesses to use treated wastewater for landscape irrigation, reducing the need to drill more wells into the aquifer.

## Environment/Recycling/Government Accountability

10/30/23      Air Time: 6:29/8:29am, 4:30pm      Run Time: 3:31

This weekend marks a new chapter in the story of recycling in the city of Pensacola. Curbside pick-up of recyclables in the city ended on October first. At least one reason was a lot of the stuff people were putting in their recycle in the cans was not recyclable. WUWF's Bob Barrett has details.

## Politics/Santa Rosa County Utilities Authority Bill

10/31/23      Air Time: 6:45/8:45am, 4:30pm      Run Time: 5:20

A new bill from District 1 state Sen. Doug Broxson would create a new entity to govern and expand water and sewer service in the central and northern parts of Santa Rosa County. For Broxson, establishment of a North Santa Rosa County Utilities Authority as a logical next step in a county that has grown to about 200,000 people and counting. WUWF's Sandra Averhart has more.

## Arts/Culture

11/3/23      Air Time: 6:45/8:45am, 3:30pm      Run Time: 5:18

As part of the Pensacola Foo Foo Fest 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, various forms of visual art will take center stage in the city. Highlights include the blown-glass art installation Poseidon's Garden at Maritime Park, the Magic Carpet "living" Mosaic at Museum Plaza, and the Pensacola Mural Fest at multiple locations.

One of the anchor events is this weekend's Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival, now in its 51<sup>st</sup> year, at Historic Seville Square. A few years ago, GGAF organizers found a way to get more *local* artists involved by creating a category for *Emerging Artists* who are from this region. WUWF's Sandra Averhart reports.

#### Military/Veterans

11/9/23      Air Time: 7:45am, 4:30pm      Run Time: 5:15

Saturday's annual Veterans Day observance has special significance in Florida, which has 1.5 million veterans, including around 100,000 here in Northwest Florida. With so many veterans in the state and region, there's an emphasis on helping military veterans access all the benefits they qualify for. WUWF's Sandra Averhart reports, at the local level, County Veterans Service Offices are often the tip of the spear.

#### Government Accountability

11/16/23      Air Time: 4:30pm      Run Time: 5:15  
11/17/23      Air Time: 6:45/8:45am      Run Time: 5:15

Pensacola Mayor D.C. Reeves delivered his' second State of the City address this week. He highlighted accomplishments during his first year in office and focused on challenges and plans for future improvements. WUWF's Sandra Averhart has details.

#### UWF/Animal Welfare

11/28/23      Air Time: 6:29/8:29am, 4:30pm      Run Time: 4:10

Since 2017, a dedicated group of volunteer students and faculty at the University of West Florida have been working to reduce the number of stray cats on the Pensacola campus. WUWF's Anthony Potts reports the Campus Cat Program appears to be having some success in addressing what has been a decades-long problem.

## Elections/Politics

11/29/23      Air Time: 6:45/8:34am, 4:30pm      Run Time: 5:27

Efforts to incorporate the Perdido area in southwest Escambia County have been put on pause. On Monday, District 2 Representative Alex Andrade announced he will not be filing a local bill to place the question on the ballot in 2024. The move comes just one month after Andrade voted with the Escambia County Legislative Delegation to move forward with the We Are Perdido initiative. WUWF's Sandra Averhart has details.

## Culture/History/Government Accountability

11/30/23      Air Time: 4:45pm      Run Time: 4:05

12/1/23      Air Time: 6:45/8:45am      Run Time: 4:05

Officials with the City of Pensacola are encouraged by initial findings from a ground penetrating radar survey conducted this week at Miraflores Park. WUWF's Sandra Averhart reports...the scans showed signs of unmarked graves at the site.

12/14/23      Air Time: 6:45/8:45am      Run Time: 5:18

The Florida Department of Education this week released district and school grades for the 2022-23 school year. Amid implementation of new state standards and changes in the way school grades are calculated, the Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton school districts each maintained A-ratings. Escambia again netted a grade of "B." (WUWF's Sandra Averhart has details).

## Public Health/Healthcare/COVID-19

12/19/23      Air Time: 7:45am, 4:29pm      Run Time: 5:22

Nearly four years after the COVID-19 outbreak, there's been a dramatic drop in the number of positive cases. The Florida Department of Health, which only tracks cases reported through the healthcare system, reflects a nearly 80% decline in cases in the four counties of Northwest Florida. But, the expected winter is now underway and WUWF's Sandra Averhart recently talked about it with Dr. Susan

Laenger (Lang ger), medical director of Primary Care Services for Sacred Heart Medical Group.

## Environment – Superfund Sites

12/26/23      Air Time: 6:45/8:45am, 4:29pm      Run Time: 5:12

To close out 2023, WUWF is releasing some bonus episodes of our EcoHeroes series. Today, Sarah Jane Brock talks to Dr. Kwame Owusu-Daaku, associate professor and researcher at UWF, about the work behind contaminated areas known as superfund sites.

## Environment

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## Arts/Culture

12/28/23      Air Time: 6:45/8:45am      Run Time:

The New Year will bring a new host to WUWF's monthly concert series Radio Live. The show's creator, producer and decades-long host Pat Crawford recently spoke to new host Tanya Gallagher about taking over the reins and other changes that might be forth-coming. (Bob Barrett)