2023 First Quarter Issues/Programs

Politics/Elections

1/9/23 Air Time: 4:30pm Run Time: 3:30 1/10/23 Air Time: 6:29/8:29am Run Time: 3:30

The U.S. House of Representatives is ready to get to the business of governing, after Republican Kevin McCarthy finally secured enough votes on over the weekend to be elected Speaker. But, it wasn't easy as about several GOP holdouts refused to support McCarthy. One of the most vocal McCarthy opponents was Northwest Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz, who voted present on the 15th and final ballot, after previously saying he/McCarthy would NEVER get the gavel. WUWF's Jennie McKeon spoke to voters in the region about the Congressman's performance and their hopes for the next two years.

Cultural Heritage/Preservation

1/10/23 Air Time: 4:30pm Run Time: 3:25 1/11/23 Air Time: 6:29/8:29am Run Time: 3:25

About a year and a half after discovery of human remains at Miraflores Park in Pensacola, the city is moving forward to see just who – or what – is also there. WUWF's Dave Dunwoody report.

Technology/Government Accountability/Broadband Expansion

1/12/23 Air Time: 4:30pm Run Time: 5:33 1/13/23 Air Time: 6:45/8:45am Run Time: 5:33

Officials in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties are encouraging residents to validate the accuracy of the Federal Communications Commission's new National Broadband Map. As local expansion plans move forward, the accuracy of the map is essential because it will be used to identify those communities most in need of funding. WUWF's Sandra Averhart has details.

Health

1/16/23 Air Time: 6:45/8:45am/4:30pm Run Time: 5:36

With the holiday season now in the books, doctors, other healthcare workers, and hospitals are facing a so-called "tripledemic" of contagious, respiratory viruses. WUWF's Dave Dunwoody reports.

Affordable Housing

1/17/23 Air Time: 6:29/8:29am/4:30pm Run Time: 3:54

A grant project from the Council on Ageing of West Florida is taking a tiny bite out of the affordable housing crisis in northwest Florida. WUWF's Bob Barrett reports.

Abortion Rights

1/23/23 Air Time: 3:30pm Run Time: 4:09 1/24/23 Air Time: 6:45/8:33am Run Time: 4:09

Sunday marked the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark decision in Roe v. Wade, which guaranteed a women's right to choose. In conjunction with the Women's March national day of action, the Pensacola Abortion Rights Taskforce held a "speak-out" for abortion rights. WUWF's Hunter Morrison spoke to rally-goers and counter-protestors to get their thoughts on Roe v. Wade and reproductive justice.

Public Safety/Weather

1/23/23 Air Time: 4:30pm Run Time: 2:36

Much of the Gulf Coast is bracing for another influx of stormy weather, expected to move in on Tuesday. WUWF's Dave Dunwoody reports.

Homelessness

1/25/23 Air Time: 4:30pm Run Time: 5:28 1/26/23 Air Time: 6:45/8:33am Run Time: 5:28

This week, volunteers across Northwest Florida are assisting with the annual count of people in our community who are homeless. WUWF's Sandra Averhart reports, the combination of new survey strategies and the high cost of living will likely show more people across the region in need of affordable housing.

Education

1/27/23 Air Time: 6:45/8:33am, 4:30pm Run Time: 5:26

Florida's recently released high school graduation rates for the 2021-22 school year showed a slight drop overall to 87.3%, amid reinstatement of the state's pre-COVID testing requirements. With one exception, graduation rates in the four counties of Northwest Florida also declined. WUWF's Sandra Averhart reports...at 78.4%, Escambia County saw the largest drop in its 20-22 graduation rate, which is well below the state rate and down from 87% in 20-21.

Technology

1/30/23 Air Time: 6:45/8:33am/3:30pm Run Time: 4:12

While the Pensacola Blue Wahoos are flashing, the leather on the field this season, fans at the concession stands will be flashing the plastic. WUWF's Dave Dunwoody explains.

Education/Technology

1/30/23 Air Time: 6:29/8:33am/4:30pm Run Time: 3:30

A new student technology center was unveiled last week at Pensacola State College's Charter Academy. WUWF's Bob Barrett reports.

Technology/Government Accountability/Broadband Expansion

 2/2/23
 Air Time: 5:30pm
 Run Time: 4:56

 2/3/23
 Air Time: 6:45/8:45am
 Run Time: 4:56

Governor Ron DeSantis stopped in Milton today (Thursday) to announce the awarding of more than \$144 million for 58 projects in 41 counties across the state to expand broadband internet. WUWF's Sandra Averhart has details.

Education/Banned Books

2/6/23 Air Time: 6:29/8:29am Run Time: 3:54

Students in a number of public schools in Florida began the academic year finding books on the shelves either covered – or banned outright – under a new state law calling for their review. WUWF's Dave Dunwoody reports.

Economic Development

2/7/23 Air Time: 4:30pm Run Time: 2:45 2/8/23 Air Time: 6:29/8:33am Run Time: 2:45

Economic development – and how to do it – was uppermost in the mind and news conference of Pensacola Mayor D.C. Reeves on Tuesday. WUWF's Dave Dunwoody reports.

Transportation/Technology

2/7/23 Air Time: 5:30pm Run Time: 3:54 2/8/23 Air Time: 6:45/8:33am Run Time: 3:54

Escambia County Area Transit, or ECAT, showcased a few service and infrastructure enhancements at its headquarters today (Tues). WUWF's Sandra Averhart reports, this includes the addition of three new Wi-Fi-ready buses and free rides for youth.

Pop Culture

2/20/23 Air Time: 6:45/8:45am/4:30pm Run Time: 4:40

If you have ever seen a movie with monsters or Ewoks or even Muppets, then you've probably seen the creative work of Kirk Thatcher. But for all his years of creativity and craftsmanship, he's still most remembered for 45 seconds on a bus in the movie "Star Trek 4 – The Voyage Home". WUWF's Bob Barrett has more.

Pop Culture

2/21/23 Air Time: 6:45/8:45am/4:30pm Run Time: 5:30

One of the original "Not Ready For Prime-Time Players" is coming to Pensacola this week. WUWF's Bob Barrett has more.

Pop Culture

2/22/23 Air Time: 6:45/8:45am/4:30pm Run Time: 5:27

The TV series "Peacemaker" is known for its action scenes and over the top dialog, not to mention its very unique opening sequence. Steve Agee (A-G) is one of the stars of the show and will be a guest this week at Pensacon. He spoke with WUWF's Bob Barrett.

Pop Culture

2/23/22 Air Time: 6:45/8:45am Run Time: 5:14

R.J. Mit-ee is an actor best known for his role as Walter White Jr. on the AMC series "Breaking Bad." Like the character on the show, Mit-ee struggle with cerebral palsy in real life. WUWF's Hunter Morrison spoke with him about his time on "Breaking Bad", his struggles with cerebral palsy, and the importance of disability representation in Hollywood.

Cultural Heritage/Preservation

2/23/23 Air Time: 6:29/8:29am/3:30pm Run Time: 5:30

A little more than a year after the Florida Task Force on Abandoned African-American Cemeteries submitted their final report, there's been no legislative action on the panel's recommendations. But, WUWF's Sandra Averhart reports, several previously unknown cemeteries now have been documented, including one in north Escambia County.

Health

2/27/23 Air Time: 6:29/8:29am/4:30pm Run Time: 4:23

February is both Black History Month and American Heart Month. WUWF's Bob Barrett takes a look at the challenges faced by African-Americans and maintaining their heart health.

2/28/23 Tuesday Morning News

UWF/Diversity

2/28/23 Air Time: 6:45/8:33am/4:30pm Run Time: 5:22

In observance of Black History Month, the University of West Florida held a "Toasting Excellence" event to celebrate the service of its African American faculty and staff. Special honors went to Mamie Webb Hixon, who has the most years of service (among this group), now at 40 and counting.

Education/Politics

3/3/23 Air Time: 6:29/8:33am/4:30pm Run Time: 5:22 Escambia County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Tim Smith is on the hot seat, with District 1 Representative Michelle Salzman now calling for his resignation. But, Smith has no plans to leave on his own. WUWF's Sandra Averhart has details.

Arts/Culture

3/6/23 Air Time: 6:45/8:45am/4:30pm Run Time: 5:27

The Pensacola Songwriter Rounds is a monthly event that showcases original music from local musician/songwriters. The series, held at the Handlebar in downtown Pensacola, allows songwriters to be heard in a setting where music is the focal point. WUWF's Hunter Morrison talked to the organizer and some participants about the importance of this event in the local music scene.

UWF/Law Enforcement

3/7/23 Air Time: 6:31/8:29am/4:33pm Run Time: 2:19

The University of West Florida Police Department has earned accreditation with the state. WUWF's Bob Barrett reports.

Government Accountability/Environment

3/8/23 Air Time: 6:29/8:33am/3:33pm Run Time: 2:29

Florida's Public Service Commission, the state agency that oversees utilities, Tuesday approved monthly rate increases for the entire state. The panel also voted to pass a draft rule on energy efficiency that environmental advocates say doesn't go far enough to modernize the outdated rule. WUWF's Jennie McKeon reports.

Cultural Heritage

3/8/23 Air Time: 6:45/8:33am/4:30pm Run Time: 5:01

As part of the Miraflores Burial Ground Study launched in January, the City of Pensacola is looking for any and all information local residents may have about the history of the land where the present-day Miraflores Park is located. WUWF's Sandra Averhart reports there are a few different ways to share that information.

Government Accountability/Politics

3/9/23 Air Time: 4:30pm Run Time: 3:57 3/10/23 Air Time: 6:45am Run Time: 3:57

District 1 Santa Rosa County Commissioner Sam Parker is under fire for an anti-Semitic comment he made that was brought to the public's attention earlier this week. WUWF's Sandra Averhart reports he offered an apology for those comments today.

Legislative Session/Politics

3/14/23 Air Time: 4:30pm Run Time: 5:18 3/15/23 Air Time: 6:45/8:33am Run Time: 5:05

The 2023 Florida Legislative Session is now in its second week, and starting this week, WUWF is beginning a series of legislative updates on issues of particular interest to residents in Northwest Florida and the University of West Florida. Earlier today (Tues), Sandra Averhart spoke with Rachel Witbracht (WIT-BRA), director of government relations for UWF, from the Capitol.

Legislative Session/Politics

3/20/23 Air Time: 4:30pm Run Time: 5:09 3/21/23 Air Time: 6:45/8:45am Run Time: 5:09

Lawmakers are now in the third week of Florida's 60-day legislative session. Rachel Witbracht (Wit Bra), UWF Director of Government Relations, gives us an update on the session. This (Mon) morning, she spoke with WUWF's Sandra Averhart.

Education/Politics

3/23/23 Air Time: 6:29/8:29am Run Time: 4:10

The Escambia County School Board Tuesday voted down a resolution that would have given voters a chance to switch back to an elected superintendent. The motion

failed on a 2-3 vote, for now, ending the debate over how the district's top executive is selected. Patty Hightower was one of the three board members who voted in support of keeping an appointed superintendent. She said she was relieved to have the vote behind them.

Legislative Session/Politics

3/27/23	Air Time: 4:29pm	Run Time: 5:27
3/28/23	Air Time: 7:45am	Run Time: 5:27

The 2023 Florida legislative session is heading into its fourth week and the main topics will likely be guns and money. WUWF's Bob Barrett spoke about the session with Rachel Witbracht (Wit Bra), UWF Director of Government Relations.

Racism/Diversity/Inclusion

3/30/23	Air Time: 4:30pm	Run Time: 4:44
3/31/23	Air Time: 7:45am	Run Time: 4:44

According to the Anti-Defamation League, anti-sematic violence and harassment increased by 36% is 2022 ... the highest level recorded since 1979. In response to a recent anti-Semitic attack in Pensacola, the party for Socialism and Liberation held a rally in solidarity against white supremacists and neo-Nazis in the community. WUWF's Hunter Morrison was there and spoke to people at the rally.