

3rd Quarter 2015 (July 1- September 30)

Issues and Programs for WJTC

Issues addressed:

Public Safety
Consumer Awareness
Public Health
Education
Crime

Regularly Scheduled Programs:

Facing Florida – Saturdays at 8am
Weekly issues program discussing the pressing issues facing Northwest
Florida's community.

Local 15 News on WJTC – Daily local news programs
WJTC's daily newscasts give considerable time to issues
that concern the communities of the South Alabama and
Western Florida areas.

6:30 –7pm	WJTC News at 6:30	M-F
9pm –9:30	WJTC News at 9:00	M-F

Facing Florida

July 4th

Pete Dunbar and Screven Watson wrap up talk on the Special Session. Principal Jane Floyd Bullen talks about special needs children. And we watch a Jeb Bush flashback.

July 18th

Representative Irv Slosberg – This Could be You, a hard look at drinking, driving, and prison time for first time offenders.

July 25th

We examine the problem with guardians and new legislation. We'll hear from a family member who knows the problems first hand and the lawmakers who made changes. Then the Florida Alliance for Retired Americans says Florida has too many problems and people shouldn't move here.

August 1st

The Florida special session is over and the vetoes are in. Pete Dunbar and Screven Watson dissect what happened, why, and what it means. Then Jane Floyd Bullen is the principal at two special needs schools – she'll tell us about successes and challenges. Plus, a Jeb Bush flashback.

August 8th

Tiffany Baylor is legally blind yet was stopped by security guards who told her that she couldn't bring her guide dog into a state museum. Now the state has a new law that protects Tiffany and punishes those that use fake dogs.

August 15th

Drinking and driving: a documentary with rep Irv Slosberg who examines the cases of two teens now serving prison time for killing someone when they drove drunk.

August 22nd

It's prime nesting time for endangered sea turtles. We'll hear from Bill Wargo, a sea turtle expert. Then some professional guardians continue to be a problem.

August 29th

Pete Dunbar and Screven Watson talk about lawmakers coming back to town, angry over being forced to redraw congressional maps.

Sept 5th

The legislature has imploded once again and gone home without drawing the Congressional map ordered by the courts. Will the stalemate carry over to the Senate map drawing in October? How about the regular session?

Sept 12th

The man who shot and killed a news crew on live television had Florida ties – meet the people who once worked with him. Then meet Pam Langford and learn about the right medicine at the right time.

Sept 19th

Alaucha County Sheriff Sadie Darnell, President, FL Sheriff's Assoc. on the challenges of being a cop in today's environment. Then, bureaucracy at its best: Peter Wesselhoeft on his three year battle with state regulators over skim milk.

Local 15 News on WJTC

Public Safety

8/11/15 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 48

Mobile's police chief showed council members how comprehensive the department's crime control strategy is. We looked into the program and learned that it includes programs to prevent crime before they happen like Project Shield, The Nextdoor program and community action groups.

8/10/15 Local 15 News at 6:30PM (WJTC) trt: 1:35

Brighter lights and new security cameras were installed outside near Texas Park after several violent crimes were committed. Our reporter showed the upgrades and informed the viewers that more upgrades are expected, upon the City Council's approval.

Consumer Awareness

9/2/15 Local 15 News at 6:30PM (WJTC) trt: 1:00

A select number of frozen corn products were being recalled in 14 states due to a possible listeria contamination. We informed our viewers of the company and product being recalled.

9/17/15 Local 15 News at 6:30PM (WJTC) trt: 51

We learned that our viewers may be paying too much for soap after a new study found anti-bacterial soaps are no more effective than plain soap when it comes to reducing bacteria. We informed our viewers of the new study and the results.

Public Health

8/5/15 Local 15 News at 6:30PM (WJTC) After a scare, The Alabama Department of Public Health confirmed that Ebola tests for an individual in Birmingham returned back negative. A fire official confirmed the patient instead had Malaria.

8/13/15 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 58

A case of the West Nile Virus popped up in our viewing area. The Mobile County Health Department says it is the third case discovered in a human in the county. We posted information about the symptoms and how to protect yourself on our website.

Education

7/7/15 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 1:01

This year, students were awarded more than \$96 million in scholarships. Last year, Mobile County School graduates received \$72 million in academic, leadership, athletic, arts and military scholarships.

8/12/15 Local 15 News at 6:30PM (WJTC) trt: The U.S. Department of Education awarded grant money to help low-income students in Alabama take advanced placement tests. The state received more than \$763,000 in assistance.

Crime

7/29/15 Local 15 News at 6:30PM (WJTC) trt: 40

Police responded to a Circle K on University Boulevard for a report of shots fired after midnight. A driver says two men tried to steal his vehicle and fired at him as he drove away.

8/4/15 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 32

Officers are investigating after a person was fatally shot at 2:30AM. Officers say the victim is a 23-year-old male who was found shot twice in front of a home.

8/17/15 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 52

Mobile Police are searching for two men they say robbed a couple at gunpoint. Authorities say camera operators do monitor where the incident happened, and are searching for video footage of the crime.