

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT

Station call letters: WJXX

Location (city, state): Jacksonville, FL

For quarter beginning:

October 1, 2023

Attached hereto are descriptions of issue-responsive programming broadcast by this station during the reporting period.

The listed programs aired on the station during the reporting period on the days and times indicated. Each program regularly provides information or addresses current local issues of concern to viewers in the area where the station is located.

Local Issues Addressed During the Quarter

The following are local issues of concern to the community. Programs that addressed these issues during this reporting period are listed on the following pages.

Local Issue/Concern
Health
Education
Crime/Public Safety
Finances/Financial Security/Economy
Employment/Job Security

PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS LOCAL ISSUES

The following programs that aired during the relevant reporting period regularly address local issues and concerns in the station's city of license and within its service area. Specific episodes and segments of these programs and the issues they addressed are listed on the following pages.

Program name	Schedule (Day/Time)	Brief Generic Description (Note whether local, syndicated or network)
Good Morning Jacksonville	M-F 5-7am	Local news
First Coast News	M-F 5-6:30pm	Local news
First Coast News @ 7p	M-F 7-7:30pm	Local news
First Coast News @ 11p	M-F 11-11:35pm	Local News
First Coast News	Sat/Sun 6:30-7pm	Local news
First Coast News @ 11p	Sat/Sun 11-11:30pm	Local News
Good Morning Jacksonville Saturday	Sat 7-8am	Local News and various guests
First Coast News Specials	Various Times	Local Issues-Related Interviews
First Coast News Phone Bank		Volunteers staff a live phone bank to answer questions from viewers pertaining to pertinent news stories.
20/20	Various times	ABC Network
This Week w/ George Stephanopoulos	Sundays 10-11am	ABC Network.
Nightline	M-F 12:38am-1:06am	ABC Network

ISSUE-RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING

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Health/Medical

Kessler Foundation-Spatial Neglect	8:30
NFID-3 Things to Know About Flu	2:00
American Cancer Society	7:00
Al Anon	5:00
Middle School Mental Health	32:00
CDC Drug Overdose	25:00
Youth Vaping Prevention	14:00
Lymphatic Education	2:30
Colorectal Cancer Alliance	2:30
Alzheimer's Awareness	39:00
Skin Cancer Foundation	7:00
Stand Up 2 Cancer	5:00
Fentanyl Awareness	10:30
The V Foundation for Cancer Research	13:30
American Red Cross/Sickle Cell	1:30
Be the Match	10:30
Buddy Check/Buddy Bus	1:27:45
October Breast Cancer Awareness Mammograms	28:05
Alzheimer's	31:00
Robot Detects Cancer	3:55
Free EKG's/Save a Child's Life	30:50

Education

Be a Mentor/Mentee	29:00
Public Education Grant	2:45
High School Equivalency	3:30
Pass It On	10:30
Alliance for Aging Research	20:30
Caregiver Assistance	32:00
First Book	3:00
Raise Your Hand for Teachers	37:30
SETI Institute	6:30
US Department of Veterans Affairs	21:00 (Glad You Called/Suicide Prevention)
Child Mind Institute	32:00
Veterans Crisis Center	25:00
Suicide Prevention	6:00
National Academy of Engineering	12:30
Changemakers	20:00
New Vietnam Veteran	1:12:00
Live Love Learn	5:45
Teacher of the Week	11:15
Verify	13:10
Student Vouchers	2:55

Crime/Public Safety

Sunscreen Safety	20:00
Emergency Preparedness	8:30
Child Car Safety	12:30
Drug Impaired Driving	24:30
Poison Control	2:00
National Road Safety	2:00
Unsolved	15:55
Free Kill Law	6:25
Mass Shooting Follow	3:35
Nor'easter Storm	7:00
Weather Doesn't Take a Holiday	9:15

Finances/Financial Security/Economy

Social Security Administration	20:00 (Basic Needs)
US Department of Veterans Affairs	4:30 (Clean Water Financial Settlement)
National Council on Aging	19:00 (Benefits Checkup)
US Department of Veterans Affairs	2:30 (Identifying Fraud)
Small Business Saturday	3:45
Ability Housing	12:00

Employment/Job Security

Office of Disability Employment-What Can I Do?	7:00
US Department of Labor-Essential Workers	1:00
Transforming Hiring	51:00

Total 16:06:20

Health/Safety

October 1, 2023

5pm/6pm/11pm

Child Drowning In Retention Pond

A child drowned in a retention pond at the Paradise Island Apartments. This is the third child drowning in a retention pond this year. Councilwoman Pittman led the city's charge to promote retention pond safety and education. She says the message is important for parents and guardians. She would like to make sure there is a type of an alarm on the doors or sliding doors to alert a parent a child opened the door. The City of Jacksonville requires the 235 retention ponds to have at least 5 feet of natural growth around the water's edge to create a natural barrier and discourage people from going into the water. Residents would like to see fences around the retention ponds.

October 5, 2023

GMJ/12pm/5pm/6pm/11pm

Baker County Fatal Fire

One of the key factors in the fatal fire was the remote nature of the home within this rural community. Baker County Fire department station 30, it's the closest station to the home that caught on fire, it's more than 5 miles from the station to the street where the home was located, and the entire drive is through the woods. OC Horne road is a dirt road and the house that caught on fire is still about a half mile down that dirt road. A woman who works at a gas station further up route 125 says that there is no cell phone service in the area and lost drivers will often stop at her store to ask to use the phone constantly we have people coming in because they're lost needing directions. Another resident said that a candle tipped over and started a fire at his house a few years ago, he had no cell signal and had to run to a neighbor's house to use a land line to call the fire department and grabbed a 5 gallon bucket, was dipping it in the ditch and running back to the house to put the fire out and by the time they got here which was about 20 minutes, maybe a little more. These residents would like cell phone towers installed nearby to create a reliable signal, in the meantime, the neighbors look out for each other.

November 2, 2023

Get Covered Jax

12pm/5pm/6pm/11pm

Jacksonville's Mayor Deegan and other city officials introduced a plan called Get Covered Jax. It is a private health care option for people in Jacksonville, meant to help working people without a primary care provider. The mayor says there is a whole population of people that are using the emergency room as their primary care that's the big issue in terms of cost and what we can do to really move that dial. Open enrollment runs through Jan 15, 2023.

December 18, 2023

A1A/Coastal Highway crosswalk

5pm/6pm/11pm

So many people want to cross A1A... to get to the beach and to the Reef Restaurant. More than 500 people who have signed a petition say this part of A1A needs a crosswalk now.

Earlier this month.. a man was crossing the road when he was hit by a car. He was taken to this hospital. His condition has not been confirmed... but in less than two years... that makes three pedestrians who have crossed A1A in this area... who have been hit by cars. The other two died. The Florida Department of Transportation has crosswalks planned for 4 places on A1A in Vilano and North Beach areas, including one here at Euclid Avenue. That one is scheduled to be created in fall of 2024.

December 20, 2023

Amtrak Train Crash

12pm/5pm/6pm/11pm

The sheriff's office says the driver tried to go around the crossing arms as they were coming down but didn't make it across. A sergeant pointed out these passenger trains go about 80 miles an hour and can't stop quickly. This happened about five miles from the Jacksonville train station where many passengers had loved ones waiting for them. It took about four and a half hours to get the car off the tracks and the train moving again. JSO says he was taken to the hospital with serious injuries.

December 22, 2023

Jacksonville Gun Safety

12pm/5pm/6pm/11pm

Last year more than 900 unsecured guns were stolen from vehicles and homes. The Jacksonville Sheriff and Mayor are teaming up to encourage people to safely store firearms, which they hope leads to fewer deaths. JSO officers are handing out free gun locks at their substations.

Unsecured firearms caused the accidental death of a 6-year-old who died after being shot by a 9-year-old sibling.

Education

October 10, 2023

12pm/5pm/6pm/11pm

DCPS Superintendent Search

Duval County Public Schools in search of the next superintendent and there is a popular candidate, Scott Schneider who is currently the chief of schools for the district, while critics say he shows lack of tolerance and sensitivity for diverse groups.

Several people spoke on his behalf at the school board meeting. Others in a rally just before the meeting spoke out against him saying he did not come to a teacher's defense who created an anti-violence group called EVAC, where teen leaders were invited to present at Harvard University and meet President Obama. The teacher's program was cancelled under Schneider, a claim he denied. The school board will identify semi-finalists and develop questions for candidates at a workshop next week. The district hopes to select a superintendent by Thanksgiving.

November 8, 2023

Bus Route Changes

GMJ/12pm/5pm/6pm

Two bus companies are contracted with Duval County schools and as of next year, students living around Fletcher, Sandalwood, and Terry Parkers High Schools will change service from one company to the other. 220 bus routes will be transferred from Student Transportation of American, to Durham School services. Leaders with Durham say they have already ordered 10 news buses to handle the routes and leaders are confident they be able to fill driver positions by offering better pay and training courses for potential drivers. The new changes new changes to bus routes start of next school year.

November 13, 2023

SJC New School Zones

GMJ/12pm/5pm/6pm

New homes, wider roads and more people, the St. Johns County school district is looking at rezoning. New development in the county has the district building new schools. Two new schools are both K-8 and set to open in 2024, one in Shearwater near CR16 and another in Beacon Lakes. The schools aren't named yet, but the Shearwater location will take on a little more than 1,000 students from 5 different elementary and middle schools. The Beacon Lakes location will take on 1200 students from 4 different schools. There will be a series of meetings for the public to participate in community comment.

December 11, 2023

Florida School Grades

The state department of education released the 2022 through 2023 school year district grades. Duval County received a B and Clay County, Nassau County and St. Johns County districts all received an A. FDOE is taking a closer look at the schools within Duval County that received individual F grades.

December 27, 2023

Jacksonville Confederate Monument Removal

GMJ/12pm/5pm/6pm/11pm

In the early morning hours crews arrived to start removing a confederate statute. Removal of the city's confederate statues has been a conversation for almost a decade. Jacksonville mayor says public funds were not used to remove the statute and for the overnight work hours it gave crews more time to prep for the removal. Many people shared their emotions, some happy it was being removed and others like a city council member expressing the mayor should not have made this decision.

Economy

October 13, 2023

COJ Resiliency Plan

12pm/6pm/11pm

The City of Jacksonville announce a plan to be more resilient to future storms. This strategy is aimed to protect homes and business in flood prone areas. It is a 50-year action plan that deals with extreme heat conditions and a population boom in Duval County. The city's chief resilience officer says the plan will affect every resident in Jacksonville.

November 6, 2023

Ponte Vedra New Resort

12pm/5pm/11pm

The PV Inn and Spa resort owners, Gate Hospitality, want to upgrade and build some new buildings and add on to others. The owners explain the project saying the Surf Club desperately needs investment. The storms have been wreaking havoc on this facility. One of the big sticking points for beach residents is the height the lodge. Gate says it would be 55 feet tall if measured at the finished floor or foundation. Residents believe the numbers if measured from grade would make the building 64 feet tall. No matter, it very well could be the tallest building in Ponte Vedra. The notion that we're going to make Ponte Vedra look like Miami Beach, it's just silly to me.// The ocean front will not have high rise buildings.

November 14, 2023

St. Augustine Parking Garage

5pm/6pm

The infrastructure of downtown is not made for all these people. While locals and tourists literally drive in circles sometimes to find an open parking space the city commission nailed down a land deal for new parking garage. The city commission approved a deal this week with the landowner of the corner of US 1 and King street where Broudy's liquors is located. Landowner Barry Broudy has been talking with the city for years about plans for these 5 and a half acres of land at the main intersection which leads into downtown of U.S. 1. With the latest plan now in motion, Broudy will build a parking garage with 500 – 750 parking spaces there on the land and the city will manage it. The garage would be on the corner of the property and the idea is to also construct a commuter rail station and apartments there as well. The commission agreed for the city to pay \$275,000 a year to lease the land down from an earlier request of \$300,000 — with annual increases of 2.5% for 30 years. The architectural and project plans still need to be approved. While the parking garage will be about a mile from where Metcalf and O'brien work near the Bridge of Lions there will be shuttle service into downtown and the garage will provide more parking for a city where parking spaces are sparse.

November 20, 2023

Holiday Gas Prices

GMJ/12pm/5pm/6pm

Gas prices are down in Jacksonville, across GA and FL too. The average in Jacksonville is down 15.9 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.98, according to Gas Buddy. In FL the average is down 15 cents in the last week at \$3.05 per gallon and GA the average is down 3 cents in the last week at \$2.82 per gallon according to AAA.

Environment

November 1, 2023

Shells Removed During Beach Project

6pm/11pm

Vilano Beach is where the Army Corps of Engineers is working on a beach restoration project to help make a bigger beach. Sand is dredged from the ocean floor, pumped in through pipes to the beach and then it's spread onto the beach. During this project a man saw someone in the bobcat filling up with sand and shells. The box was then taken to the ocean and rinsed. The other contents were then dumped into dumpsters. He later located the dumpsters in a nearby parking lot off A1A and found many bins filled with shells, living creatures. A St. Johns County engineer says the project's permit does not allow anything but sand to be placed on the beach. He said anything bigger than three quarters of an inch shifted out. He said there are precautions taken for protecting sea turtles, but he didn't know what's in place to protect invertebrates such as animals that live in shells.

November 10, 2023**Sailboat Stranded in Jacksonville Beach****GMJ/12pm/5pm/6pm**

The man who lives on the boat says he has tried to have the boat removed earlier than the deadline with no luck. He wants it over and done. He will have to pay \$40 thousand to have the boat taken to a salvage yard and says he plans to use the money from the go fund me as down payment and work out a payment plan for the remaining cost.

Crime**October 16, 2023****Camden County Sheriff's Deputy Involved Shooting****12pm/5pm/6pm/11pm**

The Kingsland GBI is investigating a shooting that happened early this morning near MM 10, just past Harriett's Bluff Rd exit. A deputy shot and killed a man on the highway. The scene caused traffic backups heading southbound on I-95 towards Jacksonville. This is the first Camden County deputy involved shooting since December 2021.

October 19, 2023**Camden County Sheriff's Deputy Involved Shooting****5pm/6pm/11pm**

Update regarding the CCSO deputy involved shooting, learning more about the deputy involved. Sgt. Buck Aldridge shot and killed a man on the highway. Aldridge was fired by the Kingsland PD less than 5 years ago for violating policies including use of force. We sat down with our crime analyst to review the body cam video of the deadly traffic stop. Our crime analyst says Aldridge's aggressive behavior combined with the man's past led to the physical altercation and then to the shooting. If Aldridge had given commands via the radio while waiting for back up would have been a better way to handle the situation. The man cooperates until he finds out the officer is arresting him.

October 24, 2023**Shanna Gardner and Mario Fernandez Indicted****12pm/5pm/6pm/11pm**

They are accused in the murder of Jared Bridegan

New documents show a Duval County grand jury indicted them both on four counts, murder in the first degree, conspiracy to commit murder, solicitation to commit a capital felony and child abuse. The state wants the death penalty.

October 27, 2023

Duval County Schools basketball coach arrest

GMJ/12pm/5pm/6pm/11pm

The basketball coach, a former NBA player, is accused of convincing a 16-year-old girl to perform sexual acts by enticing her with drugs. He is also accused of sending inappropriate photos to the teenager. He had marijuana on him at the time of the arrest according to the police report. A spokesperson for the school district says under presumption of innocence he is still employed but not getting paid.

November 24, 2023

Construction Burglary Arrests

12pm/5pm/6pm

The St. Johns County Sheriff's Office arrested two people in connection to three burglaries. Copper wire and copper tubing were stolen from homes under construction. Police were able to stop the suspects vehicle and found burglary tools and drug paraphernalia.

November 28, 2023

SJC Double Homicide

GMJ/12pm/5pm/6pm/11pm

SJSO received a call from residents reporting gunfire and when deputies arrived, they found a vehicle that crashed into a fence. Inside the vehicle two men were found shot and killed. A suspect has not been located and the sheriff's office says it is an isolated incident.

December 1, 2023

Mall Shooting

5pm/6pm/11pm

JSO says two men got into an argument and a man was shot in the mall parking lot. The victim ran into the mall to get help. He was transported to the hospital and is in critical condition. An officer says the suspect left the scene in a silver SUV and dressed in all black clothing.

December 14, 2023

Jaguars Employee Arrested

GMJ/12pm/5pm/6pm/11pm

Amit Patel entered a guilty plea on felony counts of wire fraud and stealing money through the Jacksonville Jaguars virtual credit card system. He faces 30 years in prison. Patel was released on \$10,000 bond and was required to surrender his passport. A district judge will determine his sentence in March 2024.