

1st Quarter 2017 (Jan 1- Mar 31)

Issues and Programs for WJTC

Issues addressed:

Public Safety  
Consumer Awareness  
Public Health  
Education  
Crime

Regularly Scheduled Programs:

Local 15 News – Daily local news programs

WPMI's daily newscasts give considerable time to issues that concern the communities of the South Alabama and Western Florida areas.

9pm –9:30

WJTC News at 9:00

M-F

Meteorologists Jake Dunne and Chris Dunn visited multiple elementary schools to talk about weather and meteorology. Reporter Jasmine Williams went to career day at a local high school to talk about broadcast journalism as a career.

## **Public Safety**

1/20/17 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 1:20

Severe Weather

Tracking a severe storm coming in overnight and what to expect.

2/24/17 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 2:35

No Alcohol on Beach

Gulf Shores will apply the rules from last year: no alcohol on the beach. Business owners are concerned about losing business from people deciding to go elsewhere because of the ban.

## **Consumer Awareness**

2/21/17 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 2:05

Grocery Tax

Alabama Governor Robert Bentley is forming a task force that will offer recommendations on how to safely repeal the 4% sales tax on groceries.

2/23/17 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 1:30

Day Care Bill

Lawmakers are considering making all daycares in the state licensed, which means they will all be subject to inspection. Lawmakers want to remove the religious exemption that allows faith based daycares to operate without being licensed. According to DHR records, there are more daycares not inspected than there are licensed facilities in Mobile County.

3/27/17 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 1:40

Internet Privacy

Senate votes to prevent FCC rule from taking effect: allowing internet providers to sell personal data from home internet browsing to advertisers without customer consent.

## **Public Health**

1/26/17 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: :45

Trash Cams

While illegal dumping continues, city leaders will begin using surveillance cameras to catch the trash dumpers. Cameras will be setup in hot spots where people dump garbage – they are motion activated and will even send text messages to let monitors know someone's in the area.

3/28/17 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 0:40

Diabetes Alert Day

AL public health teams up with the American Diabetes Assoc. to “sound the alarm” on type 2 Diabetes. Link to our website and find if you’re at risk of a diagnosis and follow ADA on Twitter and FB.

## **Education**

1/23/17 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 1:05

Mae Eanes School

School board meeting tonight regarding the proposed rebuilding of a local middle school. The school board voted last year to close Mae Eanes Middle School and merge its students with Williamson High School. Some school board members want to take out bonds to pay for a new school.

1/26/17 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 0:45

Semmes Overcrowding

Several parents are planning a protest tomorrow outside Semmes Middle School. From the classrooms to the school buses, parents tell us there is simply not enough room at the school – they want another school built in the area.

## **Crime**

1/18/17 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 2:05

Missing Guns

Someone drove a car into a local sporting goods store and stole almost two dozen handguns. Nothing was caught on camera because the car’s impact disconnected the camera system. The ATF is offering up to a \$5,000 reward to catch those responsible.

2/16/17 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 0:45

Foley Robbery

Teenagers in Foley were robbed and another abducted. Authorities say a 15 year old girl lured two teen boys to an isolated park near Adams Circle and told them she was calling a girlfriend. Instead, a trio of armed men showed up, tied the victims up and robbed them.

3/29/17 Local 15 News at 9PM (WJTC) trt: 0:36

Coach Arrested

A former high school football coach is in custody of the Escambia Co., Florida Police tonight. Charlie Hamrick has been arrested on multiple child sex crimes including sexual activity with some of his players. Four victims have come forward.