



Issues 1/2 to 1/5/2024

Tuesday:

7:45 a.m., we'll visit with Wilbert Carmouche from Travel Avoyelles to find out what events are happening in "The Parish" in January.

8 a.m., Matt Ritchie of Ritchie Real Estate LLC joins us for our first Economic Update of 2024.

Wednesday:

8:05 a.m., we have our first Louisiana Central Industry Update of 2024. Vice President Lafe Jones and Program Coordinator Javonti Thomas will talk with Lacey Bacchus, Senior Director for Community Partnerships with Retail Strategies, an organization that exists to give communities across the United States an advantage in attracting businesses. During this Industry Update, they will discuss the grant Louisiana Central recently received to assist rural communities with retail and community development initiatives.

Thursday:

7:20 to 8 - Dave sat in with us. Talked about various topics.

8:05 to 9 - Guest was District 30 State Rep. Chuck Owen about the incoming Landry Administration, the new legislature, and what issues they'll be tackling in upcoming sessions.

Friday:

7:20 - opening talk; Talked about incoming administration and local man, Lance Maxwell, being hired as Legislative Director for Gov. Landry.

7:30 - Talked a lot about national politics, presidential race, etc.

8:05 - Played a clip of Vivek doing an interview on NBC about white supremacy, race, etc. Spurred several calls.

8:30 - Talked about the removal of Barry Keim as the official state climatologist.

8:45 - talked about a new report about police officers shot on the job in 2023.

8:55 - National take down the tree day; Death of David Soul

Issues 1/15 to 1/22/2024

Monday:

7:20 - Opening comments; Mostly about the cold weather

7:30 - NFL Playoffs

7:40 -

7:50 -

8:05 - Meteorologist Nick Mikulas to get a better picture of the winter weather we are expecting over the next few days. Nick will tell us how cold it will get and what we need to be prepared for in terms of any precipitation.

8:30 - U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy joins us on the BOM Bank Studio Line to talk about his opposition to any potential plans to change Louisiana's open primary system.

Tuesday:

8:05 - Matt Ritchie was with us for his Economic Update

Wednesday:

7:45 a.m. - Jeff Zeringue from the Louisiana Forestry Association will be in studio to tell us about Friday's annual Arbor Day Tree Giveaway.

8:05 - it's our Louisiana Central Industry Update. Lafe Jones, Vice President & Executive Director of Industry Relations at Louisiana Central, and Keisha Hamilton, Program Coordinator, will discuss the upcoming **Cenla Work Ready Network Workforce Summit**. This free, one-day event is presented by The Orchard Foundation, The Rapides Foundation, and Louisiana Central.

Thursday:

7:30 a.m. - talked with Kyle Martin, Founder/CEO of "Time to Revive," an organization out of Dallas that

is working with at least a dozen area churches this weekend in a major outreach effort. TTR has about a hundred people coming in from out of state working with several hundred local people and will have activities going on in the community.

8:05 - mostly talked about the special session.

Friday:

7:20 - talked a little bit about local sports.

7:30 - Interviewed Scott McKay, publisher of The Hayride about the Special Session

8:05 - Talked with Chuck Owen, State Rep for District 30, about the Special Session

8:40 - Talked about Gov. Landry's new proposal for the I-10 bridge project in Lake Charles

Issues 1/29 to 2/2/2024

Monday:

7:20 - Nathan and I talked about the NFC and AFC championship games, also the local monster truck event from Saturday.

7:30 - Allie Paige Nowlin for District Judge. She's one of two candidates in the race for the Ninth Judicial District Division D. We found out more about her decision to run and what she thinks would make her a good judge.

8:05 - took calls, not major topics.

8:30 - local historian Michael Wynne joins us in the studio. He'll tell us about a new and very special program at Kent House to honor Black History Month. It's called "The Enslaved Experience in Cenla; Living Life in Bondage." Four tours of Kent House will be exclusively given during the month of February and will focus on the experience of the enslaved people of central Louisiana and at Kent House.

Tuesday:

7:20 - Senator John Kennedy to get his thoughts on the situation at the border, the growing crisis in the Middle East, and more.

7:45 - it's Wilbert Carmouche with Travel Avoyelles, as he'll update us on what events are happening in The Parish in February.

8:05 - Deborah Randolph, president of the Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce, will be here with this week's Business Beat. Deborah was in the nation's capitol last week, and we'll find out what legislation could impact Central Louisiana.

8:30 - Kitty Wynn, Executive Director at Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition, will have an update on the homeless situation in the Alexandria area.

Wednesday:

7:20 - Nathan and I were talking about healthy foods, etc. Caller called in to talk about the border situation.

7:35 -

7:45 - joined by Katie Vanderlick from the Alexandria/Pineville CVB. Katie's guest will be Scott Laliberte, who will tell us more about the upcoming Taste of Mardi Gras in Alexandria.

8:05 - mostly took calls and covered various topics including the pending Blue Cross Blue Shield sale.

Thursday:

7:30 - Mayor Dupree called in to talk about the Pineville Mardi Gras Parade.

8:05 to 8:40 - Gabe Firment, District 22 State Representative, who was recently named chairman of the House Insurance Committee. We'll ask Gabe about some of the issue Louisiana residents are having with various forms of insurance and what he sees the Legislature doing about that in the upcoming regular session.

Friday:

7:20 - Groundhog day, immigration issues.

8:05 - Daniel Erspamer, Chief Executive Officer with the Pelican Institute for Public Policy. We'll get his thoughts on the landscape for legislation and other policy with the new administration. Talked about criminal justice reform, congressional redistricting, insurance rates, school choice, state taxes.

Issues 2/5 to 2/9/2024

Monday:

7:20 - talked about the border situation

7:30 - talked about the Sunday shows

7:40 - talked about the upcoming Super Bowl

8:05 - more about the border situation.

8:20 - talked about FAFSA issues

Tuesday:

7:20 - talked about Toby Keith and Prince Charles

7:30 to 8 - mostly took calls (most people talking about illegal immigration)

8:05 to 9 - Matt Ritchie with the Economic Update

Wednesday (Trish & Nathan)

Thursday:

7:20 - talked about Nick Saban going to work for ESPN, Super Bowl, etc.

7:30 to 8 - talked with State Rep. Chuck Owen about the state budget, Gov. Landry potentially sending LNG troops to border.

8:05 -

Friday:

7:20 to 7:40 - talked about all the big news of the day, but especially the Biden documents case.

7:50 - Tom Spencer from Garden District Association came on to talk about their postponing their Mardi Gras event because of the rain.

8:05 - took calls about the Biden news from the day before.

8:20 - all the rest of the hour was calls from listeners about the current politics.

Issues 2/12 to 2/16/2024

Monday:

Open line all show with calls from listeners.

Tuesday:

8:05 - Monthly visit with Mayor Rich Dupree

Wednesday:

8:05 - Industry Update from Louisiana Central. Louisiana Central's Vice President, Lafe Jones, will talk with Randy McDougal, General Manager at @UTLX Manufacturing (Union Tank Car Company), to get the inside scoop on all the latest happenings at Alexandria's UTLX location.

8:30 - got an update on Monday's North Rapides Business & Industry Alliance meeting from LSUA professor Dr. Jim Rogers

Thursday:

7:20 - talked about the Kansas City parade shooting

7:30 - Sandra talked about her latest trip and cities using public/private partnerships

8:05 - talked about teacher pay raises.

8:30 - Talked with Rebekah Galle from Methodist Foster Care about the need for therepeutic foster homes.

Friday:

7:20 - talked about AI's upcoming NRB trip.

7:30 - talked about the Fani Willis hearing

8:05 - talked about Caitlin Clark breaking NCAA women's scoring record... led to a discussion about the old Women's Basketball League.

8:30 talked about school choice

8:45 - talked about the story of maggots on an airplane that fell on passengers heads (ew!)

Issues 3/4 to 3/8/2024

Monday:

7:20 - Talked about weekend local sports and teams heading to state basketball tournament.

7:30 - Talked with Pineville basketball coach Chad Sears about his team making it to the state tournament for the first time since 1990

8:05 - guest was local author Shelly Jinks-Johnson, who talked about her new children's book.

Tuesday:

7:20 to 7:45 - Talked about SCOTUS ruling on Trump eligibility in Colorado, more illegal immigration issues.

7:45, Wilbert Carmouche from Travel Avoyelles joins us in the studio to tell us what's happening in The Parish in the month of March.

8:05, catch up on the latest real estate news with Matt Ritchie from Ritchie Real Estate LLC and his economic update.

Wednesday:

7:20 - talked about Super Tuesday results.

8:05 a.m. - Business Beat with Deborah Randolph, President of the Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce. Deborah's guest will be Will Green, President & CEO of Louisiana Association of Business and Industry - LABI. Green will be the featured speaker at the Chamber Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Center at England Airpark.

8:30 - Talkback on Estate Planning with Greg Walker from Walker Law Group, LLC.

Thursday:

7:20 to 8 - Mostly talked about State of the Union address coming up.

8:05 to 8:30 - interview with Rapides Parish Registrar of Voters, Sandra Bonnette, about upcoming election and early voting.

Friday:

7:20 to 8 - Talked with callers about the State of the Union address.

8:05 to 8:50 - BESE Board District 5 member Lance Harris joined us to talk about changes in education and what the upcoming session might have for education.

Issues 3/11 to 3/15/2024

Monday:

7:20 - Opening comments

7:30 - We had Loren Lampert in studio to talk about the race for the 9th Judicial District, Division D.

8:05 - sundry topics with open line.

Tuesday:

co-hosts will be Trish Leleux and Nathan Martin.

At 7:30 a.m., they'll be joined in studio by Allie Paige Nowlin for District Judge. They'll talk with her about her race for the 9th JDC as we enter the final two weeks of the campaign.

Then at 8:05, it's our monthly visit from City of Pineville, La Mayor Rich Dupree. He'll bring you up to date on what's happening in the City ahead of Tuesday's council meeting.

Wednesday:

Al's guest co-host will again be Trish Leleux.

At 8:05, we'll have our Industry Update with Louisiana Central. Vice President, Lafe Jones, and Executive Director of Business Acceleration System, Gary Perkins, discuss the upcoming **CEO Roundtables**.

Louisiana Economic Development's CEO Roundtables bring together key decision makers from Louisiana-based small businesses 10 times over the course of a year for collaborative, growth-oriented roundtable sessions that support a trusting environment in which CEOs can safely explore business and personal issues with the guidance of experienced facilitators. The program starts in July. The deadline to apply is March 31.

Then at 8:30, it's Workforce Wednesday with Central Louisiana Technical Community College. Chancellor Jimmy Sawtelle will be joined by Baxter Saucier, Operations Director for Manufacturing Extension Partnership of Louisiana, to talk about the upcoming FREE LEAN training on March 28. Also, Sharon Neal, Executive Director for the Office of Economic and Workforce Development/Workforce Operations Department Area 61 with the Louisiana Workforce Commission, will talk about upcoming job fairs.

Thursday:

Al Quartemont and Sandra McQuain are your Thursday hosts. They'll run down the news of the day and take your calls.

At 8:30 a.m., we'll welcome Evelyn Jones of the Louisiana SBDC at LSU Alexandria along with the new Director of Continuing Education at LSUA, Alisha Ferrington. The SBDC has moved from the Chamber of

Commerce to the LSUA campus and LSUA Continuing Education. We'll tell you more about their grand reopening on March 20.

Friday:

Join co-hosts Al Quartemont and Sandra McQuain as they wrap up the news week. They'll break down the headlines and top stories.

At 8:30, we'll explore the outdoors. Scott Owens will join us. He's the founder of Wild Camp South and leader of the fast-growing Facebook group, LAMS Wild Camp Alliance, for those interested in wild camping in Louisiana and Mississippi. He comes to our neck of the woods regularly to visit Kisatchie National Forest, and he's trying to make sure people know about wild camping, including teaching them the skills and providing information they need for their excursions.

Issues 3/18 to 3/22/2024

Monday:

No Show - Off the air

Tuesday:

7:20 - latest Trump news

7:40 - talked about city possibly tearing down remains of Bringham Field.

8:05 - Matt Ritchie Economic Update (talked about the National Realtors Association settlement for the first 20 minutes)

Wednesday:

7:30 a.m., we'll talk with Rapides Parish School Board Superintendent Jeff Powell in his monthly segment.

8:05, Deborah Randolph, President of the Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce, joins us for Business Beat. Deborah's guest will be State Representative Mike Johnson, who will talk about what legislation happening in the regular session could impact Central Louisiana.

8:30, it's Talkback on Estate Planning with Greg Walker from the Walker Law Group, LLC.

Thursday:

8:05 a.m. - we'll tell you about the LV5K - In Honor of Lauren Vaughn with guests Robyn Schwartz and Bridgett Vaughn. Lauren died in April of 2023 in a drunk driving accident. Her family and friends are holding this event to raise money for a scholarship fund in her name.

8:30 - we'll learn more about Hope House of Central Louisiana, Inc. and their "Egg My House" fundraising effort as Toni Clegg, the Children's Services Coordinator at Hope House joins us in the studio.

Friday:

8:05 - Mayor Gail Wilkiing called in to tell us about the first ever Town of Ball Moon Pie Festival.

8:30 - Trish broke down the impact of the settlement of the National Association of Realtors lawsuit and how it will impact the industry.

Issues 3/25 to 3/28/2024

Monday:

7:20 - talked about NCAA tournament

7:30 - took calls.

8:05 - caller talked about issue of euthanized animals in our community (2,700 in Alexandria in 2023)

8:20 - election results from Saturday

8:30 - 8:50 - Kristy Beall and Paige Granger from Cenla Area Agency on Aging

Tuesday:

7:20 - talked about Key Bridge collapse in Baltimore

7:30 - 8 - calls from listeners

8:05 to 8:20 - talked about the latest spending bill passed by Congress and the money Bill Cassidy is touting that's coming to Louisiana (broke down the numbers)

8:30 - talked with Brian Baublitz, sports information director at Louisiana Christian University; He grew up in Baltimore and gave perspective on the bridge collapses.

8:50 - new NFL rule against hip tackle.

Wednesday:

7:20 - talked about artificial intelligence in education

7:30- took calls

8:05 - 8:05, we'll be joined by Dr. Paul Coreil, President of LSU Alexandria, and Dr. Jimmy Sawtelle, Chancellor of Central Louisiana Technical Community College. They'll tell us more about the 81st Annual Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities hosted by LSUA: Louisiana's Higher Education leaders to meet and examine how AI is reshaping the landscape of learning and colleges & universities. We'll also talk with Dr. Andrew Schwarz, LSU Professor and Artificial Intelligence Expert.

8:30 - 8:30, it's our Workforce Wednesday with Central Louisiana Technical Community College. Dr. Sawtelle will be joined by Andre Guillory, Chief Customer Officer of Cleco, as well as David Bernard, CLTCC Line Worker Instructor. We'll discuss CLTCC's update on new Line Worker Training (Powered by Cleco and Cenla Power Companies).

Thursday:

7:20 to 8 - Open line with calls; Talked about Alexandria City Council meeting about redistricting so Lizzie Felter can keep her seat.

8:05 - Doug Gann from the City of Pineville was here to give details on 5th Saturday Market.

8:30 - more calls; talked about the new Bible Donald Trump is promoting and other national topics.