

Issues/Programs List

January 1 – March 31, 2018

Note: Voice of the Coast airs Monday-Friday at 9:00am, 6:30 pm and 9:00 pm
KWBJ supplements its community service broadcasting with stories and live webcasts over social media platforms.

1. Governmental Concerns/Community Concerns

KWBJ News - Tuesday, January 2, 2018
Baldwin Mayor Donna Lanceslin informed KWBJ TV 22 that all Baldwin water customers will be without water as a result of a broken main water line. The outage will occur at 6:00 tonight. City employees are in the process of locating the problem. (1:00)

KWBJ News - Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018
The Franklin Water System is asking customers to conserve water. Several main breaks and increased usage have lowered pressure city-wide. (:45)

Voice of the Coast - Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018
State Representative Beryl Amadee talks about being a woman in a male-dominated arena, upcoming projects and legislative proposals she's been researching. (22:00)

KWBJ News - Tuesday, January 9, 2018
Franklin Mayor Raymond Harris told TV 22 that with the support of his family, he decided to withdraw his name from the upcoming mayoral race. Harris is completing his 3rd term as mayor. (1:00)

Voice of the Coast - Friday, January 12, 2018
Patterson attorney Ed Jones talks about his recent appointment as Magistrate. Jones also explains the duties of a Magistrate and juggling his career as an attorney, judge, community volunteer and family man. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018
Until further notice, in an effort to avoid a boil water advisory, the City of Morgan City asks that all water customers, including Stephenville residents, avoid running faucets, and limit use of appliances that require water, such as dishwashers and washing machines. This will help maintain a consistent level in our water towers. (1:10) (note: the advisory was lifted Saturday morning)

Voice of the Coast - Tuesday, February 6, 2018
Morgan City Fire Chief Alvin Cockerham discusses home fire safety, and discusses guidelines for receiving a free smoke detector from MCFD.(22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018
Outgoing Franklin Mayor Raymond Harris reflects on his term and talks about current city projects. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Friday, February 16, 2018
Baldwin Mayor Donna Lanceslin addresses the town's water issues, hirings and terminations and the police station fire incident. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Thursday, March 1, 2018
KWBJ offers live coverage of the Franklin mayoral candidates' forum on its social media platforms. (60:00)

Voice of the Coast - Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Local activist Alfreida Edwards discusses efforts to attract more voters to the polls for the upcoming Franklin mayoral election. (22:00)

KWBJ News - Saturday, March 24, 2018
KWBJ offers live comments from the candidates in today's Franklin Mayoral election over its social media platforms. (10:00)

Voice of the Coast - Monday, March 26, 2018
Franklin Mayor-Elect Eugene Foulcard talks about campaign, his family's political history and his plans for the city. (22:00)

2.) Minority/Women's/Children/Elderly/Handicapped Needs

Voice of the Coast - Friday, January 5, 2018
NeKesia Bowie talks about how she's coping after her son's life was cut short and using his tragic death to help her community through scholarships, benefits and workshops. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Tuesday, January 9, 2018
Ruby Maize and Linda Brown discuss the ARISE program for at-risk children. (10:00)

Voice of the Coast - Thursday, January 25, 2018
Beverly Domengeaux, Executive Director of St. Mary Council on Aging, talks about the group's numerous events, activities, meals and other services to the aging population. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Friday, January 26, 2018
Tammy Rogers with the Chez Hope Shelter for Battered Women talks about the corporation's partnership with local schools to bring awareness to teen dating violence. Also, Chez Hope is looking for teams to participate in its annual Trivia Night. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Tuesday, January 30, 2018
The topic is the Soul Inspirational Choir Mother's Club. (10:00)

Voice of the Coast - Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018
Suzanne Wiltz discusses upcoming black culture events she says will engage audiences of all ethnicities. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018
Donna McDonald and Sandy Nolen with Morgan City Juvenile Services discuss their programs and the need for volunteer assistance. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Thursday, March 8, 2018
Show promoting an upcoming "pickleball" tournament as a healthy exercise for senior citizens. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Thursday, March 15, 2018
Sandra Saucier speaks on behalf of Brittany's Project, a non-profit organization seeking to build a recreational facility for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. (22:00)

3.) Economic Concerns

Voice of the Coast - Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018
Donna Meyer and Jason Bailey with the Chamber of Commerce discuss all of their events scheduled throughout the year, including it's Annual Banquet, Toastmasters meetings and a possible Wine and Food Tasting. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Monday, January 22, 2018
Port of Morgan City Executive Director Raymond 'Mac' Wade and Economic Development Manager Cindy Cutrera talk about future dredging options, the current government shutdown and its effects on the port. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Monday, January 29, 2018
Bryce Merrill, Curator of the new Morgan City Diving and RV Museum, discusses the facilities offerings. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018
Port of Morgan City Executive Director Raymond 'Mac' Wade and Economic Development Manager Cindy Cutrera report on the US Corps of Engineers' 2018 operations budget, which greatly increased its annual allocation for dredging on the lower Atchafalya River. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Wednesday, March 21, 2018
Lou Tamporella with Morgan City Rotary Club discusses the club's New Generations program, set for tomorrow night. Teams representing local high schools present proposed projects of civic benefit to local leaders. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Thursday, March 22, 2018
Jeff Lagrange and Brigitte London discuss the upcoming return of the Cypress Sawmill Festival after a 2-year hiatus. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Tuesday, March 27, 2018
Brigitte London, director of the Last Honky Tonk series, promotes the Songs on the Bayou event scheduled for next week. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Wednesday, March 28, 2018
Ken Perry, president of the fixed-base operation at Patterson Airport, reflects on his company's 30 years of business and discusses the future of aviation and its possible effects on the local economy. (22:00)

KWBJ News - Wednesday, March 28, 2018
KWBJ offers a live webcast of the St. Mary Parish Council's discussions of the Industrial Tax Exemption Program. (20:00)

Voice of the Coast - Thursday, March 29, 2018
Program publicizes upcoming cooking competitions being hosted by Centerville High School and the Franklin Rotary Club. (22:00)

KWBJ News - Sunday, March 31, 2018
Swiftships, LLC in Morgan City announces it has been awarded an \$18 million contract to design and build a landing craft for the US Navy, with the possibility of building an addition 30 of the vessels over the next 10 years. (2:00)

4.) Health/Environmental Concerns

Voice of the Coast - Tuesday, January 16, 2018
St. Mary Parish OEP Director Duval Arthur preparations being made and precautions for the public in anticipation of several days of extreme winter conditions. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Friday, January 19, 2018
Michael Brocato with the St. Mary Levee District discusses the possibility for flooding this spring due to heavy snowfall around the country this winter. (12:00)

Voice of the Coast - Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018

Mitzi Breaux, head of United Blood Services, discusses the critical need for additional blood donors, and reveals giveaways UBS is offering to induce donations. (22:00)

KWBJ News - Monday, January 29, 2018

The LA Department of Health will offer no-cost flu vaccines this Wednesday at its 55 public health offices around the state, including locations in Morgan City and Assumption Parish. (:50)

Voice of the Coast - Tuesday, January 30, 2018

A visit with 11-year old Noah Barnes, a Type-1 Diabetes patient who is attempting to become the youngest person to walk across America. (12:00)

Voice of the Coast - Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018

John Boudreaux with the Assumption Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness discusses the parish's response to recent flooding and cold weather events. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Friday, February 23, 2018

Local resident Sandra Keys Turner shares how her daughter's death inspired her community to a healthier lifestyle, and promotes the Shaq Scholarship 5K run. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Monday, February 26, 2018

St. Mary Parish OEP Director Duval Arthur preparations discusses the potential for spring flooding in the area, and announces that former sheriff David Naquin will succeed him as director on his retirement. (22:00)

KWBJ News - Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018

Several conservation groups, including the Humane Society and the Safari Club, are offering rewards for information leading to the arrest of the person who killed 2 Louisiana Black Bears south of Franklin recently. (1:30)

KWBJ News - Monday, March 5, 2017

Coverage of St. Mary and Assumption Parish preparations for the potential for spring flooding. The National Weather Service predicts the Atchafalaya River will crest at Morgan City on March 22. (3:00)

KWBJ News - Tuesday, March 6, 2018

KWBJ offers live coverage of a town hall meeting in Stephenville regarding flood protection measures and the potential for flooding in lower St. Martin Parish. (1:30:00)

KWBJ News - Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Assumption Parish authorities establish no-wake zones in waterfront communities around the parish, effective immediately. (:30)

KWBJ News - Wednesday, March 21, 2018

The National Weather Service says the Atchafalaya River has crested at all communities and should begin receding over the next few days. (1:00)

KWBJ News - Wednesday, March 28, 2018
The Town of Berwick says all floodgates except the one at First St have been re-opened. First St. will be re-opened tomorrow (:30)

5.) Crime Problems

KWBJ News - Monday, January 1, 2018
State Fire Marshals Office informed KWBJ TV 22: "We have charged a juvenile male subject with 'aggravated arson' for having intentionally set the fire at Family Dollar in Patterson, which was reported just after 1 p.m. yesterday." (:50)

Voice of the Coast - Tuesday, January 9, 2018
Interim Sheriff Scott Anslum discusses his goals as he takes over from retired Sheriff Mark Hebert. (12:00)

KWBJ News - Thursday, January 11, 2018
Franklin Police investigated reports of alleged gunshots in the Thomas Street area and confirmed that a a male subject says he was struck in the back. The subject did not receive medical attention. The matter is still under investigation. (:45)

Voice of the Coast - Thursday, January 11, 2018
Morgan City Police Chief James Blair discusses the Neighborhood Watch initiative, bike patrol, community policing and the thin line of using and abusing social media. (22:00)

KWBJ News - Friday, January 12, 2018
Morgan City Police report that officer April Hudson has been charged with malfeasance in office and possession of marijuana. The case has been turned over to the District Attorney. (:40)

Voice of the Coast - Monday, February 5, 2018
Morgan City Police Captain Betty Augman talks Mardi Gras Dos and Don'ts, a viral video containing child pornography recently sweeping the Internet and rising numbers of opioid offenses spreading through the community.

KWBJ News - Tuesday, February 6, 2018
St. Mary Parish Sheriff Scott Anslum advises that Deputy Dustin Crabtree was fired after being arrested over the weekend for DWI while off-duty Terrebonne Parish. (:45)

KWBJ News - Monday, February 12, 2018
Baldwin police say a jail inmate was responsible for setting a fire that caused severe damage to the police station last night. (1:20)

KWBJ News - Thursday, February 15, 2018
Sheriff Scott Anslum says an 11-year old student of Raintree Elementary was arrested for terrorizing after he made comments about bringing a gun to school. (1:30)

KWBJ News - Thursday, February 22, 2018
Sheriff Scott Anslum says a 14-year old student at the St. Mary Alternative School was charged with terrorizing after making written threats of violence at the school. (1:00)

KWBJ News - Friday, February 23, 2018
Assumption Parish authorities successfully located a man who was reported missing after he launched at Bayou Corne on a fishing trip and failed to return. (1:00)

KWBJ News - Thursday, March 1, 2018
St. Mary Parish School Superintendent Leonard Armato reports that a Franklin High School student was arrested and charged with terrorizing after allegedly threatening to “shoot up the school.” (1:00)

KWBJ News - Friday, March 2, 2018
Morgan City police report the fatal shooting of a local man in what appears to be a drug related incident. 3 suspects are arrested. (2:00)

KWBJ News - Thursday, March 22, 2018
St. Martin Parish authorities are seeking info leading to the arrest of persons who broke into a camp near Stephenville and killed the owner’s 4 dogs. (1:20)

KWBJ News - Sunday, March 25, 2018
Patterson police chief Patrick LaSalle comments over social media on an incident earlier today in which an officer shot and wounded an armed felon lurking near a church. (8:00)

KWBJ News - Tuesday, March 27, 2018
Morgan City police place 2 local elementary schools on lockdown after gunshots were reported in the area. No injuries were reported. (2:00)

KWBJ News - Friday, March 30, 2018
Patterson Police Chief Patrick LaSalle announces his retirement from public service, effective immediately. (1:00)

6.) Education Needs

KWBJ News - Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018
St. Mary Parish Public School Superintendent Leonard Armato informed KWBJ TV 22 that the 7 West End schools will be closed due to extremely low water pressure in addition to weather conditions. Head Start centers on the West End are closed as well. (1:10)

KWBJ News - Monday, January 15, 2018
St. Mary Parish Public School Superintendent Lenny Armato advised TV 22 that all St. Mary public schools will close as a result of expected icy conditions on Tuesday, as recommended by the Office of Homeland Security and National Weather Service. All private schools in the parish closed as well. (2:00)

KWBJ News - Friday, January 19, 2018
Weather conditions have improved enough to allow students to safely return to class, but several schools that suffered cold-weather related damage remain closed. (1:30)

KWBJ News - Tuesday, January 23, 2018
St. Mary Public Schools release the revised school calendar, including makeup days required to cold weather school closures. (1:00)

Voice of the Coast - Monday, March 12, 2018
St. Mary Parish School Superintendent Leonard Armato discusses school safety, grades and financial constraints. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Monday, March 19, 2018
Gidget Everitt of Safe and Drug Free Schools talks about upcoming Red Ribbon Week events, school safety and bully prevention. (22:00)

Voice of the Coast - Friday, March 23, 2018
Tammie Moore, Student Affairs Director at South Central LA Technical College, discusses the school's transition to a traditional 2-year community college program. (22:00)

