# *Quarterly Issues-Program Report*

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**WBAG – AM / W290CX - FM**

First Quarter of 2020

January through March

# Issues List Ascertainment

Radio Station WBAG has compiled a list of issues area residents in and around Alamance County, North Carolina feel are major concerns. WBAG conducts regular ascertainment of local government officials, community leaders, the business community, and local residents within our coverage area to determine the issues of importance to our listeners. WBAG uses this list as a basis for our public affairs programming, and our public service. Most of our ascertainment is an ongoing effort that comes during a public affairs program that airs daily Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM. The program, "Talkline", is designed for citizens to call in and express their concerns about any issue that is of importance to them. Excellent cross sections of citizens in our community call the program to discuss various issues. WBAG features most of our public affairs programs as the centerpiece of our format during daytime hours 6 AM - 6 PM Monday - Saturday.

# The issues of concern for the First Quarter 2020

**A) Public Safety/Crime/Substance Abuse/Domestic Violence**

**B) Health Care & Human Services**

**C) Concerns of the Elderly**

**D) Politics & Elections**

**E) Energy & Environment**

**F) Schools and Education**

**G) Jobs and Economic growth**

**H) Taxes & Budget**

**Issues identified as being of concern to the community were addressed in the First Quarter of 2020 on WBAG radio through the airing of the following public affairs programs and public service announcements:**

**Talkline** - A locally produced 2 hour daily program that airs Monday - Friday at 8:30 - 10:30 AM featuring audience telephone call-in participation.

**The Meeting Place** - A locally produced 30-minute daily program airs Monday - Friday at 10:30 AM featuring special guest interviews with various professionals, community leaders, government, business and school officials.

**Public Service Announcements**- WBAG also offers the community a generous portion of time for public service announcements that address Issues from our quarterly list.

**Carolina Journal Radio** - A weekly, one-hour newsmagazine on North Carolina features a diverse mix of guests and topics. Education reform, tax policy, the state legislature, affirmative action, air pollution, freedom of the press and the courts – these are just a few of the subjects that Carolina Journal Radio has tackled since the program began production in 2003.

**North Carolina News Network**- Hourlynews updates with key local stories from across the state.

**See the following list showing each Issue, how it was addressed, date, time, and comments.**

## A) Public Safety/Crime/Substance Abuse/Domestic Violence

**This issue was addressed with a schedule of "Crime Stoppers" announcements** produced in our studio by Members of the Alamance County Crime Stoppers Committee.
**Schedule of 120 announcements Start: 01/01/2020 End: 03/31/20**
Length: 60 seconds 3 per day Mon - Fri 6AM - 12M
**Categories: Public Safety**

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 868**
**01/04/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
The General Assembly has finalized new reforms to laws involving sexual assault and child sexual abuse
**Categories: Crime**

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 868**
**01/04/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
The federal government recently announced that Robeson County had been reinstated to a program called equitable sharing. It allows local law enforcement agencies to use proceeds from asset forfeiture involving federal authorities. Jon Guze, John Locke Foundation director of legal studies, explains why the news is not entirely good. Guze says federal equitable sharing helps law enforcement agencies bypass worthwhile state restrictions on civil asset forfeiture.
**Categories: Public Safety**

**This issue was addressed on "Talk Line"**
**01/09/2020 8:30 AM – 10:300 AM**
Burlington City Council signed off on a new telecommunication sharing plan with Graham
**Categories: Public Safety**

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 873**
**02/08/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
North Carolina has taken the first steps toward remaking the state's criminal code. That's good news to Jim Copland, senior fellow and director of legal studies at the Manhattan Institute. Copland explains why it makes sense for the Tar Heel State to clean up a complicated and confusing compilation of crimes.
**Categories: Public Safety**

## A) Public Safety/Crime/Substance Abuse/Domestic Violence (Cont.)

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 877**
**03/07/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
The U.S. attorney based in Raleigh recently took some local sheriffs to task for their decisions not to cooperate with federal immigration agents. In a news conference, Robert Higdon discussed the implications of sheriff's unwillingness to honor federal immigration detainers. The N.C. General Assembly expects significant turnover in membership after this election year. Many lawmakers are retiring from office or leaving their current posts to seek other elected offices.
**Categories: Public Safety**

## B) Health Care & Human Services

**This issue was addressed on "The Wellness Revolution"** with Dr. Karen Wilkinson. Dr. Wilkinson answers health care questions from listeners who call the program. **This 30-minute program runs each Tuesday 11:30 am - 12 noon.** This program deals with a wellness approach to good health without drugs. **Scheduled 01/01/2020 – 03/31/2020 for 13 Times.**
**Categories: Health Care**

**This issue was addressed on "The Meeting Place"** with Mike Johnson and Associates, Certified Representatives of Health Insurance Companies. They address questions from callers regarding Health Care Insurance. **This 30-minuteprogram runs each Wednesday of each month 10:30 am – 11am 01/01/2020–03/31/2020 for 13 times.**
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**This issue was addressed on "Pharmacy Talk"** with Total Care Pharmacy. Total Care Pharmacy was created by three pharmacists that provides a full pharmacy service that is both personal and professional. They address questions regarding Health Care needs and questions about medications. This **30-minute program runs each Monday of each month 11:30 am - 12:00 PM 01/01/2020–03/31/2020 for 13 times.**
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**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 869**
**01/11/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
N.C. policymakers could take steps to reduce health care costs without touching any policy related to the federal Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare. Instead they could eliminate some of the 53 state health insurance mandates. Jordan Roberts, John Locke Foundation health care policy analyst, is highlighting the impact of those mandates on N.C. health care.
**Categories: Health Care**

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 871**
**01/25/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
Kansas' decision to move forward with Medicaid expansion has placed more pressure on North Carolina to follow suit. Jordan Roberts, John Locke Foundation health care policy analyst, assesses the potential impact of Kansas on the Medicaid expansion debate in this state. Republican legislators, especially in the N.C. Senate, have remained cool to all expansion proposals.
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**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 876**
**02/28/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
A recent federal Medicaid ruling ends the prospects of tying Medicaid expansion to work requirements. Jordan Roberts, John Locke Foundation health care policy analyst, discusses the implications of that court ruling for North Carolina's Medicaid expansion debate. Roberts also discusses alternatives to government-based health care reforms, including his recent campaign to help retire medical debt for low-income residents of North Carolina and South Carolina.
**Categories:** **Health Care / Concerns of the Elderly**

**This issue was addressed on "Talk Line"**
**03/04/2020 8:30 AM – 10:300 AM**
The first case of COVID-19 in North Carolina was confirmed as the virus continues to make its way through several countries and into the United States.
**Categories:** **Health Care / Concerns of the Elderly**

# C) Concerns of the Elderly (Cont.)

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 879**
**03/21/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
The coronavirus scare reminds us about government-erected barriers that stand in the way of an effective response. Jordan Roberts, John Locke Foundation health care policy analyst, discusses policy changes at the state level that would help North Carolina deal better with problems linked to the virus's spread. Medicaid expansion has dominated the N.C. political debate in recent years. A recent report challenges a key claim from expansion's proponents: They say the infusion of government money linked to expansion would help shore up struggling rural hospitals.
**Categories: Health Care / Concerns of the Elderly**

# D) Politics & Elections

**This issue was addressed on "Talk Line"**
**01/05/2020 8:30 AM – 10:300 AM**
NC to appeal voter ID ruling as a federal judge's ruling that blocks the state's voting law
**Categories: Elections**

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 871**
**01/25/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
s state lawmakers prepare for primary elections and the 2020 legislative session, the N.C. Free Enterprise Foundation, NC FREE, has unveiled its latest rankings of legislators based on their support for policies supporting free markets. Anna Beavon Gravely, NC FREE executive director, highlights key results and trends within the latest rankings. North Carolina's Basnight Bridge attracted President Trump's attention because of its long history of legal and regulatory delays.
**Categories: Elections**

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 872**
**02/01/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
The John Locke Foundation will soon begin its fourth decade of work advancing liberty in North Carolina. As it moves forward, Amy O. Cooke will lead the organization as its fourth CEO. Cooke discusses her history with the liberty movement, her return to her family's N.C. roots, and her hopes for her new role leading the state's premier free market think tank. 2020 is shaping up to be an important election year in North Carolina. The ballot features races for U.S. president, U.S. Senate, and governor. Voters also will determine control of the N.C. General Assembly
**Categories: Elections**

**This issue was addressed on "Talk Line"**
**02/03/2020 8:30 AM – 10:300 AM**
Elon University and the Times-News will hold a forum for county commissioners' candidates for March primary ballot.
**Categories: Elections**

**This issue was addressed on "Talk Line"**
**02/07/2020 8:30 AM – 10:300 AM**
Candidates make case at Elon for the Alamance County Board of Commissioners as they explain their platforms and lay out some of their priorities
**Categories: Elections**

## D) Politics & Elections (cont.)

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 874**
**02/15/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
n a matter of weeks, N.C. voters will participate in the Super Tuesday elections. Democrats are likely to face heated presidential and U.S. Senate primaries, Republicans will decide who should face incumbent Roy Cooper in the governor's race, and members of both parties will see other important races on primary ballots. No one will have to show a voter ID. Rick Henderson, Carolina Journal editor-in-chief, assesses key issues in play as Super Tuesday approaches. North Carolina has made significant reforms to its alcohol regulations in recent years.
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**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 878**
**03/14/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
Joe Biden's win in the Democratic presidential primary topped the headlines, but voters made other significant choices in North Carolina's March 3 election. Rick Henderson, Carolina Journal editor-in-chief, analyzes key primary results. He looks ahead at the potential impact for the general election in November
**Categories: Elections**

# E) Energy & Environment

**This issue was addressed on "Talk Line"**
**01/03/2020 8:30 AM – 10:300 AM**
5.325 gallons of sewage spills into a tributary of Little Alamance Creek in Burlington.
**Categories: Environment**

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 873**
**02/08/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
.A recent settlement will lead to major changes in disposal of Duke Energy's coal ash. Donald van der Vaart, John Locke Foundation senior fellow, discusses potential environmental impacts and the possible costs for Duke Energy ratepayers.
**Categories: Energy**

# F) Schools and Education

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 868**
**01/04/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
The pursuit of diversity on college campuses is hurting American higher education. Heather Mac Donald, fellow at the Manhattan Institute, explains how in her recent book, The Diversity Delusion. Mac Donald shared her concerns during a recent visit to Raleigh for a summit sponsored by the National Association of Scholars.
**Categories: Higher Education**

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 869**
**01/11/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
Debate about public education in North Carolina gets bogged down by some popular myths. The myths include misconceptions about teacher pay and the impact of school choice on public school enrollment. Terry Stoops, John Locke Foundation vice president for research and director of education studies, addresses those myths and attempts to correct the record.
**Categories: Higher Education**

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 869**
**01/11/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
William Roper recently highlighted some of the positive news for the system's Board of Governors. The Leandro school-funding lawsuit has been influencing N.C. public policy for a quarter century. Jeanette Doran, president and general counsel of the N.C. Institute for Constitutional Law, discusses recent developments in the case. She highlights observers' concerns that a judge could order the General Assembly to spend $8 billion more on education programs over the next eight years.
**Categories: Higher Education**

**This issue was addressed on "Talk Line"**
**01/14/2020 8:30 AM – 10:300 AM**
The annual meeting of the Alamance-Burlington Board of Education, county commissioners and stat legislative delegation focused on big changes, better relationships, money management and the state budget
**Categories: Education**

**This issue was addressed on "Talk Line"**
**01/16/2020 8:30 AM – 10:300 AM**
Students learned how to edit Wikipedia in the name of social justice at Elon University's first ever Edit-a-Thon
**Categories: Education**

## F) Schools and Education (Cont.)

**This issue was addressed on "Talk Line"**
**01/29/2020 8:30 AM – 10:300 AM**
The school board continues to mail over how to spend its budget the next school year.
**Categories: Education**

**This issue was addressed on "Talk Line"**
**02/06/2020 8:30 AM – 10:300 AM**
The Lottery closed for the Alamance Community School, the new charter opening property in Graham.
**Categories: Education**

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 873**
**02/08/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
A judge has asked the parties in the long-running Leandro school funding lawsuit to develop a joint plan. It would implement consultant's recommendations for major changes in the state's public education system, including $8 billion of new spending in the next eight years.
**Categories: Higher Education**

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Fewer teachers are leaving their jobs in N.C. public schools, according to the latest official state teacher turnover report. Terry Stoops, John Locke Foundation vice president for research and director of education studies, analyzes the latest numbers.
**Categories: Higher Education**

# G) Jobs and Economic growth

**This issue was addressed on "Talk Line"**
**01/03/2020 8:30 AM – 10:300 AM**
Alamance County's economic stability is near the highest it's ever been. The County is within the top 26 most economically stable in North Carolina.
**Categories: Economic growth**

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 869**
**01/11/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
Occupational licensing laws limit economic opportunities in North Carolina. During a recent speech for the Federalist Society in Raleigh, attorney Justin Pearson of the Institute for Justice explained how. Pearson shares highlights from that presentation in a one-on-one interview.
**Categories: Economic growth**

# H) Taxes & Budget

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 871**
**01/25/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
After a two-month break from work, N.C. state lawmakers still found no agreement to resolve an impasse over the state budget. Senate leader Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, and his Democratic counterpart, Sen. Dan Blue, D-Wake, offered competing assessments of the standoff during the legislature's one-day return trip to Raleigh.
**Categories: Budget**

**This issue was addressed on "Talk Line"**
**02/17/2020 8:30 AM – 10:300 AM**
The Alamance County Board of Commissioners agenda was full of approvals including 74.5 % property taxes, 42.3% of sales taxes collected and 55 % of General fund budgeted that has been spent among other issues
**Categories: Taxes & Budget**

**The Carolina Journal Radio No. 876**
**02/28/2020 06:00 am – 07:00 am**
Gov. Roy Cooper emerged from a recent meeting with business executives and proclaimed that none of them had asked for a tax cut. Cooper used that fact to bolster his opposition to reducing business taxation. The problem for Cooper is that every company cited in his comments about the meeting has taken advantage of targeted state tax breaks.
**Categories: Taxes**