

WRAB PUBLIC INTEREST BROADCASTS for 10/19-12/19

- 10/8/19 - ISSUE - CITY BUDGET - Interviewed Arab Mayor Bob Joslin about the 15.5 million dollar budget for the coming year, the 2% cost of living raise for employees, and added funds for street lights. Local news-7A,12N,4P,5P - 3 minutes
- 10/10/19- ISSUE - DIGITAL SPEED LIMIT SIGNS - Interviewed Arab Police Chief Ed Ralston about data provided by the city's new portable speed limit signs that flash a driver's actual speed and records those speeds for police review. Local News- 7A,12N,4P,5P - 3 minutes
- 10/11/19- ISSUE - MEMORIAL MONUMENT - Interviewed City Councilman Mark Gullion about initial plans to establish a permanent monument to William Coleman--the only Arab Police Officer killed in the line of duty. Local News - 7A, 12N,4P,5P - 3 minutes
- 10/22/19- ISSUE - TRAFFIC LIGHT GRANT - Interviewed Councilman Johnny Hart about his reservations in proceeding with an application for a \$250,000 ALDOT grant that would provide, with a city match, all new traffic lights for each intersection in the city limits on Highway 231. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 2 minutes
- 10/24/19- ISSUE - STREET REPAIR - Interviewed Arab Street Dept. Director Helen Stone about her concerns with sewer upgrade work that has damaged city streets and was left unrepaired, causing dangerous situations for motorists. Repairs began the day after airing. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 2 minutes
- 10/29/19- ISSUE - U.S. FLAG DROPBOX - Interviewed Arab VFW Post 6226 Commander Kevin Hoffmaster about plans to locate a "retired flag drop box" in the city for proper retirement of the U.S. flag. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 2 minutes
- 10/31/19- ISSUE - NEW TENNIS COURTS - Interviewed Arab City Schools Interim Supt. Patrick Crowder about new tennis courts nearing completion at the "Arab Sportsplex," with details on colors chosen and the delay in lighting the courts. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 3 minutes
- 11/1/19 - ISSUE - STATE REPORT CARD - Interviewed Interim Supt. Patrick Crowder about state report card results, that made Arab one of only 8 in the state to have every individual school earn an A. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 4 minutes
- 11/5/19 - ISSUE - ARAB CITY SCHOOLS SUPT. SEARCH - Interviewed Dr. Terry Jenkins, search consultant with the Alabama Association of School Boards, about the top 5 candidates selected by the state committee for Arab's new superintendent, and survey results completed by school employees, students, parents, and local citizens. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 4 minutes
- 11/7/19 - ISSUE - ARAB CITY SCHOOLS SUPT. SEARCH - Interviewed Interim Supt. Patrick Crowder on interview times, questions selected, and daily criteria for each candidate selected by the search committee. Interviews were open to the public. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 4 minutes

- 11/12/19- ISSUE - NEW INDUSTRY- Interviewed Arab Economic Development Coordinator Melissa Cook about progress for a new industry and possibly more retail stores as well. According to Cook, the industry "is a pretty sure thing" but incentives are yet to be set. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 2 minutes
- 11/14/19- ISSUE - TOURISM - Interviewed the Director of the Marshall County Convention & Visitors Bureau about increased tourism in the county, primarily due to fish tournaments and speed boat races, and ways to increase visibility of Arab's Historic Village. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 3 minutes
- 11/19/19- ISSUE - ARAB MUSICAL THEATRE - Interviewed new Arab High School Theatre Director Taylor Hyatt about upcoming musical, as well as student results at the recent "District Trumbauer Competition" in Huntsville. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 3 minutes
- 11/22/19- ISSUE - SUPT. SEARCH - Interviewed Arab School Board Attorney Clint Maze about executive session of the school board and it's purpose to discuss the 'character and good name' of each candidate. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 2 minutes
- 11/26/19- ISSUE - TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT PRIMARY SCHOOL - Interviewed Interim Supt. Patrick Crowder about proposals submitted by Skipper Consulting to help contain traffic during 'car line' times at the school, utilizing land recently donated to the city located off 12th Avenue. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 3 minutes
- 11/28/19- ISSUE - SUPT. SEARCH - Interviewed Arab City Board of Education President Wayne Trimble about decision on a new superintendent for Arab City Schools and reviewed some of the written answers submitted by each candidate. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 5 minutes
- 12/3/19 - ISSUE - NEW SUPT. SELECTED - Interviewed Dr. Johnny C. Berry after his selection was made by the school board as the new superintendent of Arab City Schools and his initial plans. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 5 minutes
- 12/15/19- ISSUE - NEW LIGHTING ON HIGHWAY 231 - Interviewed Arab Mayor Bob Joslin about new LED street lights through much of the city limits on state Highway 231, cost to the city, and additional improvements planned to light the highway. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 3 minutes
- 12/17/19- ISSUE - RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES - Interviewed City Clerk Tony Willis about retroactive benefits suggested but not mandated by the state for retirees and the effect the additional benefit would have on the city budget. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 2 minutes
- 12/20/19- ISSUE - DEBT PAID BY DONORS - Interviewed Interim Supt. Patrick Crowder about lunchroom meal debts of local students, almost \$5000, that was paid by 23 local donors. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 2 minutes
- 12/27/19- ISSUE - CLASS RANKING - Interviewed Interim Supt. Patrick Crowder about new policy approved by the school board to help local students be more in line with class rankings of other schools to help them be more competitive when applying for academic scholarships. Local News - 7A,12N,4P,5P - 2 minutes