

ABC 16 WGXA 1ST QUARTER 2016 ISSUES

HOUSING ISSUES

Story: Date Aired: Newscast:
DUBLIN FLOOD WRAP 1/6/2016 5:30 AM

Synopsis:

THE FLOOD STAGE FROM THE OCONEE RIVER IN DUBLIN IS GOING BACK DOWN THIS MORNING.

NOW PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON REX MILLER ROAD AND OLD RIVER LANE ARE SEEING HOW BAD THEIR HOMES ARE DAMAGED.

NEIGHBORS ARE CLEANING EVERYTHING WORTH KEEPING.

MANY VALUABLE ITEMS GOT DAMAGED SO MUCH, THEY ARE HAVING TO THROW IT AWAY. NEIGHBORS SAY THE SMELL INSIDE THE HOMES ARE VERY BAD...AND THE CLEANING PROCESS IS EVEN WORSE.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast:
Macon Abandoned Homes 2/19/16 11pm

Synopsis:

TONIGHT WE'RE LEARNING THAT MACON RANKS 7TH FOR THE MOST VACANT HOMES IN AMERICA.

ABC 16'S BRITANY COLLINS JOINS US LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM AFTER WORKING FOR YOU ON WHAT CITY OFFICIALS ARE DOING TO FIX THIS ISSUE.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast:
Shalom Zone Home Ownership 3/3/16 11pm

Synopsis:

NEW AT 11, MORE PEOPLE IN MIDDLE GEORGIA MAY BE ABLE TO BUY A HOME .. BECAUSE OF A NEW PARTNERSHIP.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE CORPORATION OF AMERICA IS PARTNERING WITH MACON-BIBB COUNTY SHALOM ZONES.

MINORITY ISSUES

Story: Date Aired: Newscast:
DUBLIN POLICE CHIEF 1/12/2016 5:30 AM

Synopsis:

THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN MAN TO BECOME A POLICE CHIEF IN DUBLIN IS ADJUSTING TO HIS NEW ROLE THIS MORNING.

CHIEF TIM CHATMAN WAS SWORN IN LAST NIGHT AND BRINGS A LONG CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.

HE WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN DETECTIVE IN DUBLIN AS WELL.

BEFORE COMING BACK TO HIS HOMETOWN, HE SPENT 22 YEARS AT THE GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INVESTIGATING DRUGS AND VIOLENT CRIME.

EAST DUBLIN PASTOR CARLOS JONES IS A FRIEND OF CHATMAN AND SAYS HIS PROMOTION IS ABOUT MORE THAN THE COLOR OF HIS SKIN.

Story: Pearl Stephens Scholarship Date Aired: 2/20/16 Newscast: 11pm

Synopsis:

A HOUSTON COUNTY PIONEER IS HONORED TODAY IN WARNER ROBINS.
COMMUNITY MEMBERS GATHERED FOR THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEARL STEPHENS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HIGHER EDUCATION.
SCHOLARSHIPS OF 150 DOLLARS WERE HANDED OUT TO 18 STUDENTS.
IN THE 1940'S STEPHENS STARTED HOUSTON COUNTY'S FIRST SCHOOL FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN KIDS.
ORGANIZER MAGGIE COLE WANTS TO CARRY ON THE LEGACY OF HER GRANDMOTHER.

Story: Walk for Safety Date Aired: 3/10/16 Newscast: 11pm

Synopsis:

NEW TONIGHT BIBB COUNTY DEPUTIES ARE ON THE STREETS TO GET TO KNOW THE PEOPLE THEY PROTECT..
THE AGENCY HOLDS "WALKING FOR SAFETY" EVENTS IN NEIGHBORHOODS SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR.
TONIGHT THEY MET WITH PEOPLE IN HILLCREST HEIGHTS, BECAUSE PEOPLE THERE SAY THE COMMUNITY NEEDS ATTENTION.

PARENTING ISSUES

Story: HEALTHY MEALS FOR KIDS Date Aired: 1/13/2016 Newscast: 5:30 AM

Synopsis:

With the start of a new year, healthier eating is a common resolution for families. Local schools have committed to making healthy options appealing and accepting to the pickiest of palates - children.

She will discuss techniques used in the cafeteria to get students to consume healthier food options . Strategies that can just as easily work at home, even with finicky eaters. *Visual ideas include:*

- **Make it colorful** - Kids commonly "eat with their eyes", if it looks good, they are more likely to give it a try
- **Dip it or dunk it** - A great option for encouraging more raw fruits and veggies, offer low-fat dressings, yogurt, hummus etc.
- **Let them get involved** - Offer a couple different healthy options or let them help make or assemble meals
- **Taste tests** - Provide opportunity for children to sample small portions of new food
- **Explore** a variety of foods from different cultures and cuisines

Schools across Georgia have increased fruit and vegetable options, must serve all whole grain-rich grains and lower the sodium on meals in addition to meeting new regulations for snacks and other foods served to meet requirements stemming from the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act.

Story: WKRC Fam 411 Unmarried Dads Date Aired: 2/23/16 Newscast: 11pm

Synopsis:

ONLY 17 PERCENT OF AMERICAN CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED HAVE "SHARED PARENTING".. ACCORDING TO THE U-S CENSUS BUREAU. YET MOST OF THE RESEARCH FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS SHOWS KIDS THRIVE WHEN THEY'RE PARENTED EQUALLY BY BOTH MOM AND DAD..

Story: Poison Prevention Week Date Aired: 3/21/16 Newscast: 11pm

Synopsis:

N OTHER NEWS.. PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY.... EACH YEAR, THE 3RD WEEK OF MARCH IS DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK. A WEEK DEDICATED TO RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THE ISSUE AND HIGHLIGHTING WAYS TO PREVENT IT, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO PROTECTING CHILDREN.

POLITICAL ISSUES

Story: OBAMA TO MEET LYNCH Date Aired: 1/4/2016 Newscast: 5:30 AM

Synopsis:

TODAY THE PRESIDENT WILL MEET WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH TO DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR TOUGHER GUN RESTRICTIONS. IN THE COMING DAYS, HE IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW EXECUTIVE ACTION WITH THE GOAL OF EXPANDING BACKGROUND CHECKS ON GUN SALES. ON THURSDAY, PRESIDENT OBAMA WILL JOIN C-N-N'S ANDERSON COOPER FOR A ONE-HOUR, LIVE TOWN HALL EVENT ON THE ISSUE. THE EXPECTED EXECUTIVE ACTIONS COME AHEAD OF OBAMA'S ANNUAL STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, WHICH IS SET FOR JANUARY 12-TH.

Story: Confederate Preservation Date Aired: 2/1/16 Newscast: 11pm

Synopsis:

TODAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL... THE FIGHT CONTINUES TO REMOVE CONFEDERATE SYMBOLS IN THE STATE... TODAY REPRESENTATIVE TOMMY BENTON WHO INTRODUCED HOUSE RESOLUTION 11-79... WHICH WILL PRESERVE THE LEGACY OF STONE MOUNTAIN PARK AS A CONFEDERATE PARK. IF IT PASSES BOTH CHAMBERS AND IS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR DEAL, IT COULD AMEND THE STATES CONSTITUTION.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast:
Super Tuesday ABC Live 3/1/16 11pm

Synopsis:

WE BEGIN WITH TEAM COVERAGE OF ELECTION 2016.
ABC 16'S ERIC MOCK WILL JOIN US SHORTLY WITH A VOTER WATCH PARTY..
BUT FIRST LET'S HEAD OVER TO MARCI GONZALES LIVE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS .. WITH
BREAKING NEWS.
IT APPEARS DONALD TRUMP AND HILLARY CLINTON ARE IN THE LEAD IN THE RACE FOR
PRESIDENT.

SENIOR ISSUES

Story: Date Aired: Newscast:
MACON PENSION MEETING 1/20/2016 6:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE FUTURE LOOKS GOOD FOR RETIREES FROM THE CITY OF MACON...
TODAY MEMBERS OF THE PENSION BOARD HEARD FROM THE COMPANY THAT MANAGES
THE RETIREES MONEY..
DESPITE A CRAZY YEAR IN WORLD MARKETS... THEY SAY THE FUND IS DOING BETTER THAN
PROMISED...

Story: Date Aired: Newscast:
Dempsey Fire 2/29/16 11pm

Synopsis:

HAPPENING NOW .. FIREFIGHTERS REMAIN ON THE SCENE OF A FIRE AT THE DEMPSEY IN
DOWNTOWN MACON..
AT AROUND 6:30 PM BIBB COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS RESPONDED TO A FIRE ON THE EIGHTH
FLOOR OF THE DEMPSEY APARTMENTS
FIREFIGHTERS ARE STILL EVACUATING RESIDENTS BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF SMOKE
ON THE 8TH FLOOR.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast:
Abbeville Nursing Home 3/9/16 11pm

Synopsis:

NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT 11 SURROUNDING THE CLOSURE OF NEW BEGINNINGS NURSING
HOME IN ABBEVILLE.
TONIGHT THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH TALKED ABOUT PLANS
FOR THE FUTURE WITH RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
THE STATE SHUT DOWN THE NURSING HOME MARCH 2ND.. OVER PROBLEMS WITH BEST
CONTROL, PLUMBING, AND SANITATION.

TERRORISM ISSUES

Story: Date Aired: Newscast:
PAKISTAN BOMB BLAST 1/19/2016 5:30 AM

Synopsis:

DEVELOPING NOW-- AI-QAEDA IS NOW CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMBING THAT KILLED AT LEAST 11 PEOPLE IN PAKISTAN AND LEFT DOZENS WOUNDED. THE DEVICE EXPLODED NEAR A CHECK POINT IN THE PESHAWAR REGION THAT BORDERS AFGHANISTAN. HOSPITAL WORKERS SAY THAT SOME OF THE INJURED PEOPLE ARE IN CRITICAL CONDITION -- AND THEY FEAR THE DEATH TOLL WILL RISE.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast:
KS Shooting 2/25/16 11pm

Synopsis:

NEW AT 11, FOUR PEOPLE ARE DEAD TONIGHT AND 20 HURT IN A SHOOTING AT A BUSINESS IN KANSAS. EMPLOYEES SAY THEY WERE INSIDE EXCEL INDUSTRIES WHEN A CO-WORKER OPENED FIRE..

Story: Date Aired: Newscast:
Belgium Terror Latest 3/22/16 11pm

Synopsis:

TONIGHT 34 PEOPLE ARE DEAD AND THE SEARCH IS ON FOR AT LEAST ONE SUSPECT IN THE BELGIUM TERROR ATTACKS. ISLAMIC STATE CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY.. RAY RAIMUNDI IS LIVE IN NEW YORK WITH REACTION.

CRIME ISSUES

Story: Date Aired: Newscast:
GANG ARRESTS 1/25/2016 5:30 AM

Synopsis:

A DRUG STING OPERATION LEAD TO THE ARREST OF OVER A DOZEN PEOPLE IN BIBB, JONES AND WILKINSON COUNTIES. AUTHORITIES ARRESTED 14 PEOPLE FRIDAY MORNING AFTER AN INVESTIGATION LASTING SEVERAL MONTHS. INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY GOT A TIP THAT *JARVIS GILMORE* WAS DISTRIBUTING COCAINE AND MARIJUANA FROM HIS HOME IN EAST MACON. THAT INVESTIGATION LED AUTHORITIES TO *JAVARES SIMMONS*...WHO THEY SAY WAS CONSPIRING WITH GILMORE IN DISTRIBUTING ILLEGAL DRUGS FROM HIS HOME IN NORTH MACON. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE 12 OTHER PEOPLE ARRESTED FRIDAY MORNING WERE ALSO INVOLVED.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast:
Forsyth Street Shooting 2/2/16 11pm

Synopsis:

OUR TOP STORY AND BREAKING NEW TONIGHT..

MACON'S FIRST MURDER OF THE YEAR...

23 YEAR OLD MERCER UNIVERSITY STUDENT JIBRI BRYAN IS DEAD AND A SECOND VICTIM IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION AT NAVICENT HEALTH.

THIS, AS INVESTIGATORS SEARCH FOR A SUSPECT.

Story:

Wilcox County Shooting

Date Aired:

3/22/16

Newscast:

11pm

Synopsis:

NEW AT 11, A FATHER'S PLEA FOR PRAYERS TONIGHT AFTER SOMEBODY SHOT HIS SON. WGXA'S ERIC MOCK JOINS US LIVE IN STUDIO TO BRING YOU HIS EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW...ERIC?

EDUCATION ISSUES

Story:

SUPERINTENDENT VISITS

Date Aired:

1/7/2016

Newscast:

6:00 PM

Synopsis:

A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE.. WE HAVE ONE RIGHT HERE IN BIBB COUNTY.

ALEXANDER 2 MAGNET SCHOOL RECENTLY RECEIVED THE AWARD.

AND WELCOMED THE STATE OF GEORGIA'S SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT RICHARD WOODS FOR A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY TODAY RECOGNIZING THE HONOR.

WE SPOKE WITH THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL BERTHA CALDWELL, WHO SAYS STUDENTS AND TEACHERS HAVE WORKED HARD TO MEET THE AWARD'S STANDARDS.

Story:

WKRC Fam 411 Helpless Kids

Date Aired:

2/16/16

Newscast:

11pm

Synopsis:

THE DROPOUT RATE AMONG COLLEGE FRESHMAN IS RISING... AND SOME EDUCATION EXPERTS HAVE A THEORY ON WHY...

THEY SAY TOO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T KNOW HOW TO ORGANIZE THEIR TIME.. AND SOLVE PROBLEMS ON THEIR OWN...

Story:

Tucker Elementary Leadership Day

Date Aired:

3/23/16

Newscast:

11pm

Synopsis:

LEARNING TO BE LEADERS .. TONIGHT RECOGNITION FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF AT ONE HOUSTON COUNTY SCHOOL..

"LEADERSHIP DAY" CELEBRATES TUCKER ELEMENTARY SCHOO'S ACHIEVMET IN PROMOTING LEADERSHIP QUALITIES.

HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Story:
SECONDHAND SMOKE

Date Aired:
1/12/2016

Newscast:
5:30 AM

Synopsis:

A NEW STUDY BY THE C-D-C SHOWS MORE THAN HALF OF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE U-S ARE EXPOSED TO SECONDHAND SMOKE. THE STUDY TOOK DATA FROM A SURVEY, IN WHICH MANY STUDENTS SAID THEY HAD NEVER USED TOBACCO, BUT WERE EXPOSED TO SMOKE IN RESTAURANTS, PARKS, AT WORK AND AT HOME. RESEARCH SHOWS CHILDREN WHO ARE EXPOSED TO SECONDHAND SMOKE ARE AT INCREASED RISK OF ASTHMA AND LUNG INFECTIONS, AMONG OTHER HEALTH CONDITIONS. ADOLESCENTS MAY ALSO FACE SPECIAL RISKS FROM SECONDHAND SMOKE. RESEARCHERS SAY THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THAT THE EXPOSURE TO NICOTINE PRIMES THEIR BRAINS AND MAKES THEM MORE LIKELY TO BE ADDICTED TO NICOTINE IN THE FUTURE.

Story:
Washington Co Hospital

Date Aired:
2/11/16

Newscast:
11pm

Synopsis:

RIGHT NOW A STRUGGLING RURAL HOSPITAL ON MIDDLE GEORGIA MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE OF STANDING STRONG... DEPENDING ON DECISION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY. ABC's 16 BRITTANY COLLINS IS LIVE AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. BRITTANY WHAT DID COMMISSIONERS VOTE ON TONIGHT?

Story:
National Nutrition Month

Date Aired:
3/21/16

Newscast:
11pm

Synopsis:

MARCH IS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH...AND THIS YEAR'S THEME IS TO SAVOR THE FLAVOR OF EATING RIGHT. WHILE VARIOUS FOODS HAVE DIFFERENT EFFECTS ON HEALTH, SOME FOODS OFFER PROTECTIVE BENEFITS AND YOU WANT TO CONSIDER EATING A BALANCED DIET FOLLOWED BY EXERCISE.