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Issues/Program Report 3rd Quarter 2018

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Per the FCC, this is a list of the most frequently cited issues of concern to the people in the WBHM/WSGN listening area during the last quarter. The list details the most significant programs addressing these issues. All of these programs were published at WBHM.ORG and broadcast on WBHM 90.3 FM and WSGN 91.5 FM between July 1, 2018 and September 30, 2018. The list includes the following issues:

Government

Judge Helen Shores Lee Remembered For Equity and Fairness

(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/judge-helen-shores-lee-remembered-for-equity-and-fairness/>)

2018-07-02 16:54:56

Judge Helen Shores Lee, the first African America female elected to the Jefferson County Circuit Court, died today. She was 77.

Why People Are Talking About Gov. Ivey's Age (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/why-people-are-talking-about-gov-iveys-age/>)

2018-07-08 23:37:38

There's a lot of chatter among political pundits and voters about whether Gov. Kay Ivey is up to the task of leading the state for a full term. Is it a question that comes up often for older female political candidates?

Hoover City Council to Consider Sales Tax Increase (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/hoover-city-council-to-consider-sales-tax-increase/>)

2018-07-10 04:36:32

The Hoover City Council is expected to vote Tuesday on increasing its sales tax by a half cent. The council will also consider boosting some lodging taxes and rental property fees.

Racking Up Tickets in Birmingham? It's Amnesty Time

(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/racking-up-tickets-in-birmingham-its-amnesty-time/>)

2018-07-10 15:53:06

If you have unpaid parking tickets in Birmingham or tickets for minor traffic offenses, the city is giving you two months to pay. No extra fines. It's part of the city's latest amnesty program.

2018 Runoff Voter Guide: What Races Are up in the Air and Who's on the Ballot?

(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/2018-runoff-voter-guide-what-races-are-up-in-the-air-and-whos-on-the-ballot/>)

2018-07-11 13:35:16

In this edition of the BirminghamWatch Voter Guide, you will find lists of candidates on the ballot and their profiles, which include basic information about each of the candidates such as the top contributors to their campaigns, the main issues they're citing in their campaigns and links to their web or social media sites.

Federal Bribery Trial Digs into Lobbying Around Birmingham Superfund Site

(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/federal-bribery-trial-digs-into-lobbying-around-birmingham-superfund-site/>)

2018-07-16 10:44:23

The prosecution has rested its case in the federal corruption trial of two Birmingham attorneys and a coal company vice president. The question is whether they bribed a state lawmaker to fight efforts to clean up a polluted Birmingham neighborhood.

Etowah County Sheriff Accused of Sex with Underage Girls

(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/etowah-county-sheriff-accused-of-sex-with-underage-girls/>)

2018-07-17 16:56:24

An Alabama woman says she had sex with Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin four times in 1992, when she was 15 and he was 29. The incidents allegedly took place at drug-fueled parties the sheriff hosted. Entrekin denies the allegations.

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(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/city-offers-help-to-renovate-homes-in-blighted-neighborhoods/>)

2018-07-18 16:14:33

Two big economic development projects in Birmingham might pay off for city neighborhoods. Birmingham Mayor Randall Woodfin announced a program today to spend \$1 million on home renovations in blighted neighborhoods.

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(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/birmingham-attorney-coal-executive-found-guilty-of-bribing-state-lawmaker/>)

2018-07-20 19:19:40

An attorney with Birmingham firm Balch & Bingham and an executive with coal company Drummond have been convicted of bribing a state lawmaker to stop expansion of an environmental cleanup site around north Birmingham.

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(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/bribery-trial-guilty-verdict-sends-message-thought-alabama-politics/>)

2018-07-23 12:55:55

Alabama Media Group columnist John Archibald reacts to the bribery conviction of a Birmingham attorney and a coal company executive saying it sends a message to those who believe this is business as usual.

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(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/appeals-court-ruling-allows-fight-for-minimum-wage-increase-to-continue/>)

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Unpaid Debts: Cities Owe Jefferson County More Than \$800,000 for EMA and Personnel Board Costs
(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/unpaid-debts-cities-owe-jefferson-county-800000-ema-personnel-board-costs/>)

2018-07-27 09:49:03

Cities and towns in Jefferson County owe the county more than \$800,000, according to a report given at the County Commission meeting Thursday in Bessemer.

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Roy Moore Seeks Millions in Damages Over Showtime Prank (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/roy-moore-seeks-millions-damages-showtime-prank/>)

2018-09-06 08:31:59

Conservative Judge Roy Moore says he was duped into an interview and maliciously defamed on a show called Who is America, hosted by comedian Sacha Baron Cohen. He is seeking \$95 million in damages.

Health Department Gives More Time for North Birmingham Residents to Weigh in on Air Quality (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/health-department-gives-more-time-for-north-birmingham-residents-to-weigh-in-on-air-quality/>)

2018-09-10 09:33:34

The Jefferson County Department of Health extended the deadline for comments on the proposed renewal of an air emissions permit for ABC Coke. The move comes at the request of residents and environmental groups. Two public hearings are set for November at the Department of Health at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Residents may also submit comments online.

Development Planned for Blighted Sites North of Downtown (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/development-planned-blighted-sites-north-downtown/>)

2018-09-12 16:03:54

Change may be on the way for two sites in north Birmingham. Corporate Realty is preparing to redevelop the former Carraway Hospital site. Another group is planning lofts at the old Kirby School and a former armory site in Norwood.

NAACP Suspends Birmingham President Hezekiah Jackson (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/naacp-suspends-birmingham-president-hezekiah-jackson-iv/>)

2018-09-13 15:03:35

The national office of the NAACP has suspended the organization's local Birmingham President Hezekiah Jackson IV. The NAACP issued a statement Wednesday evening saying it is investigating whether Jackson advised residents not to have their soil tested for potentially damaging toxins and if he received payment for those activities.

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(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/sessions-speaks-in-hoover-as-rosenstein-news-erupts/>)

2018-09-24 17:25:34

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions drew sustained applause speaking at the Hyatt Regency in Hoover on Monday. Sessions' remarks at a meeting of prosecutors and law enforcement came just as Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein was set to meet with White House officials, presumably about his future in the US Department of Justice.

Birmingham Council Approves Cameras to Help Fight Crime

(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/birmingham-council-approves-cameras-to-help-fight-crime/>)

2018-09-25 16:56:12

Birmingham police will soon have extra eyes to spot crime. The City Council today approved an agreement with Alabama Power to install 100 cameras around the city.

Former State Rep. Oliver Robinson To Be Sentenced in Bribery Scheme

(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/former-state-rep-oliver-to-be-sentenced-in-bribery-scheme/>)

2018-09-26 10:17:10

Former State Rep. Oliver Robinson is scheduled to be sentenced Thursday in federal court. Federal prosecutors asked the judge in a filing earlier this week to give Robinson a lighter sentence because he pleaded guilty, accepted responsibility for his actions and cooperated with investigators.

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It's Back to the Polls Across Alabama. Voters to Decide Party Nominees (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-07-17 14:31:24

Alabama's primary runoffs include statewide races for lieutenant governor, attorney general, and a number of local races. Here's everything you need to know.

Relatives of Unaccompanied Minors Fear Deportation (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-07-20 15:55:20

As the court-imposed deadline for the Trump administration to reunite unaccompanied minors with their parents nears, relatives across the U.S. including Alabama are reluctant to step up.

Alabama Leaders Oppose Clean Car Standards Rollback (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-07-24 16:38:22

Elected leaders and others gathered in Birmingham to oppose to Trump administration's plan to roll back clean car standards, including those setting targets for fuel efficiency.

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The Biggest Donors Eclipse The Rest In Gubernatorial Campaigns (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-08-07 14:08:55

ALDOT Pitches Options for Little Cahaba River Bridge. Opponents Warn of Immediate and Permanent Harm to Drinking Water (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-08-08 15:56:18

Traffic authorities seeking to extend a road across the Little Cahaba River in southern Jefferson County promised Tuesday to make it a controlled access road and prevent adjacent development in the watershed that protects metropolitan Birmingham's drinking water supply.

Groups Ask Ivey to Push for New State Environmental Leaders (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-08-16 10:39:28

Environmental groups have asked Gov. Kay Ivey to take steps to remove from office state environmental officials who were implicated during the recent bribery trial over a plan to block the expansion of a Superfund toxic waste site in Tarrant and Inglenook.

Filling in the Blanks: Birmingham Council Fine-Tuning Process to Find Replacements for Three Councilors (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-08-20 10:30:00

With this week's resignation of President Pro Tem Jay Roberson, the Birmingham City Council faces the unusual task of appointing three new members by the end of the year.

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Legal Services Alabama Serves Thousands In State. Program, a Partisan Battleground, on President Trump's Budget-Cut List (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-08-28 13:12:13

Army veteran Ronald Whitson gives credit to Legal Services Alabama for keeping his family home in Birmingham. However, the program that Whitson praises has been controversial, the frequent target of partisan political battles since its start in the mid-1970s, with roots in the nation's War on Poverty. Now the Alabama program's federal parent, Legal Services Corporation, once again faces defunding, this time in President Donald Trump's 2019 budget proposal.

A Deadly Week: September Homicides Could Foreshadow Record Year in Birmingham (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-09-11 18:20:33

Six homicides happened in Birmingham during the first week of September, putting the city firmly on track for its most violent year in more than two decades and pressuring city leaders to improve their strategies for responding to such incidents and to focus on preventing them.

The List Is In: 13 Apply to Fill Roberson's Seat on the Birmingham Council (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-09-12 20:08:54

Thirteen people have applied to fill the seat of former Birmingham City Councilor Jay Roberson, who announced his resignation last month.

Can Cooperation Combat Crime? Birmingham-Area Agencies Teaming up on Problem (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-09-24 20:24:28

Despite the city's rising homicide rate and a recent rash of highly publicized violent crimes, Birmingham-area law enforcement officials say they are optimistic about the city's long-term crime-fighting prospects, due in part to an array of government agencies working together.

Despite Immigration Law, 40 Percent of New Hires Are Not Checked Through E-Verify (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-09-28 15:16:21

Many Alabama employees aren't being screened to confirm their legal status to work in the United States, despite a 2011 state law requiring businesses to use the federal E-Verify system.

Arts and Culture

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Uncertain Immigration Policy Takes a Toll on Area Youth

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2018-07-03 07:10:33

There have been a series of developments in recent weeks on immigration policy and a lot of uncertainty around the fate of undocumented residents. That's rubbing off on children in Alabama.

Sloss Fest Becomes Sensory Inclusive (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/sloss-fest-becomes-sensory-inclusive/>)

2018-07-13 14:10:28

The Sloss Music & Arts Festival is this weekend! Organizers recently announced this year's event will be certified "sensory inclusive." It's meant to attract individuals with autism and other disabilities.

Sloss' Summer Program Teaches Traditions of Metal Art
(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/sloss-summer-youth-apprenticeship/>)

2018-08-02 08:15:21

This summer, a dozen young people learned the techniques and traditions of metal art during Sloss' Summer Youth Apprenticeship.

Birmingham Student Wins National Poetry Award
(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/birmingham-student-wins-national-poetry-award/>)

2018-08-09 16:28:22

Alabama School of Fine Arts senior Daniel Blokh was named a National Student Poet earlier this month. He's one of five students in the country to win the honor.

James "Jake" Sanders, Negro League Star (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/james-jake-sanders-negro-league-star/>)

2018-08-13 09:09:29

Segregation shutout ballplayers like James "Jake" Sanders from ballparks and the major leagues, but it didn't quell his passion for the game. He attended the same high school in Fairfield as Willie Mays and went on to star in the Negro League. These days, Sanders travels the country telling the history of the league to school kids so the stories don't get lost.

Birmingham Restaurant Week Sometimes A Deal
(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/birmingham-restaurant-week-sometimes-a-deal/>)

2018-08-16 16:35:31

Birmingham Restaurant Week is in full swing. At several restaurants across the city, diners choose from a prix-fixe menu – that's several courses at a fixed price. But with crowded restaurants and a limited menu ... is it really worth it?

Sidewalk Film Festival Returns for its 20th Year (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/sidewalk-film-festival-returns-for-its-20th-year/>)

2018-08-22 07:39:53

The 20th Sidewalk Film Festival opens Friday in downtown Birmingham. A look back at the early years from someone who helped get it off the ground.

A New Play Explores Race Through A 1951 Birmingham Basketball Court
(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/a-new-play-explores-race-through-a-1951-birmingham-basketball-court/>)

2018-09-13 13:03:33

The play "Separate and Equal" by University of Alabama Professor Seth Panitch centers on a hypothetical basketball game between black and white teens in 1951 Birmingham -- a game that would have been illegal.

Birmingham Times Founder Recognized Among Black PR Pioneers

(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/birmingham-times-founder-recognized-among-black-pr-pioneers/>)

2018-09-20 10:19:25

Alabama native, Jesse Lewis Sr. is recognized as a publishing and marketing trailblazer in the South. In the early 50s, Lewis founded the first minority-owned public relations firm in the U.S. His very first client was the Birmingham Coca Cola Bottling Company. With their support, Lewis founded the Birmingham Times in 1964. For most of his career, he focused on marketing to African American consumers, a demographic he says was completely ignored during that time. The 93 year old was recently recognized among Black PR Pioneers at the Museum of Public Relations in New York.

'Rosies' Featured at Vulcan for Museum Day (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/rosies-featured-at-vulcan-for-museum-day/>)

2018-09-21 07:38:43

The Smithsonian Magazine has its 14th annual "Museum Day" this Saturday. That means free admission to thousands of museums around the country. Here in Birmingham, one participating museum—Vulcan Park & Museum—is putting a twist on the Smithsonian's them: Women Making History. Casey Gamble is Vulcan's museum coordinator. She tells WBHM's Janae Pierre how they plan to incorporate Rosie the Riveter for this year's event.

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Panel: School Resource Officers are Primary Way to Combat School Shootings (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/panel-school-resource-officers-are-primary-way-to-combat-school-shootings/>)

2018-07-25 11:21:20

A panel of school superintendents and others discussed Tuesday how to respond to active shooter situations.

Birmingham Students Return With Uniforms Optional (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/birmingham-students-return-with-uniforms-optional/>)

2018-08-06 12:07:05

Birmingham students went back to school today. And this year's school scene looked different from head to toe. The school system decided last month to drop its longstanding uniform requirement. That move brought mixed reactions from parents, retailers and students.

In A Segregated County, A New Charter School Offers An Alternative (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/in-a-segregated-county-a-new-charter-school-offers-an-alternative/>)

2018-08-23 05:00:00

Only about half of University Charter School's 300-plus students are black. That's a rarity in Sumter County, Ala., which, like many school systems, has struggled to achieve integration.

Jefferson County Plans More Resource Officers In Schools (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/jefferson-county-plans-more-resource-officers-for-schools/>)

2018-08-30 17:38:05

Jefferson County law enforcement and education officials announced a plan Thursday to put school resource officers in all 56 county schools.

Ushuaia Blue: A Play About a Life Devoted to Science (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/ushuaia-blue-play-life-devoted-science/>)

2018-09-21 07:46:00

Antarctica happens to be a perfect place to study the impacts of climate change. A UAB researcher has devoted his entire career to just that. This weekend, Professor Jim McClintock brings the issue to the stage, along with a love story. "Ushuaia Blue" explores the issue of global warming through the story of two marine biologists trying to save their relationship.

Deaf Football Players Find Novel Ways to Communicate (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/deaf-football-players-find-novel-ways-to-communicate/>)

2018-09-27 08:04:20

On the football field, visual communication is key. That's especially true for the Silent Warriors, a team of middle and high school students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. They compete against mainstream and deaf schools across the U.S., where having a unique language can be both an advantage and a challenge on the field.

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Data Center Announced for North Titusville Land (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/data-center-announced-for-north-titusville-land/>)

2018-07-10 03:45:07

A major data center is coming to downtown Birmingham. Atlanta-based DC BLOX announced it will build what it is calling a technology and innovation campus at the former Trinity Steel site. The development has the potential to invest \$785 million over 10 years.

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\$25 Million Alabama Futures Fund: 'This state is open for business for startups.' (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/alabama-futures-fund-signals-this-state-is-open-for-business-for-startups/>)

2018-09-13 05:40:23

The new \$25 million dollar Alabama Futures Fund will try to attract and grow promising startups in Alabama.

Coal Coming Back in Some Alabama Communities (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/coal-coming-back-alabama-communities/>)

2018-09-25 09:05:38

Coal mines are coming back in some parts of Alabama. Industry observers say easing of regulations and a steady demand for coal overseas means more mining jobs. That's welcome news in places like Brookwood in Tuscaloosa County, where coal is mined to produce steel.

Amazon's a Big Deal, but West Jefferson's Economic Rebirth is Bigger and Broader (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-07-20 16:48:03

Bessemer reinvents itself. Again.

Amazon Breaks Ground Oct. 2, Laying Path for Western-Area Development (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-09-15 14:30:25

The official groundbreaking on the new Amazon development in Bessemer will be Oct. 2, Jefferson County commissioners said Thursday.

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Residents Weigh in on 10-Block Downtown Attraction

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2018-07-17 15:45:38

The open space beneath the interstate downtown Birmingham will cover 10 blocks once the massive bridge replacement project is completed. Designers and ALDOT officials are getting public input today at the Boutwell Auditorium what to place in what was once an open parking area. Other feedback sessions are set for July 24.

Another Legislator Indicted in Corruption Case Involving Diabetes Health Clinic

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2018-08-09 06:00:32

Dorothy Levy celebrated her 106th birthday last month, but the party isn't quite over. Levy co-founded United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Birmingham, which is now United Ability, and she is as witty and alert as anyone could hope to be at her age.

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2018-08-29 12:57:38

Researchers at UAB published a study this month that offers hope to those dealing with severe epilepsy. It found cannabidiol or CBD oil helps curb seizures. The substance is derived from marijuana although it doesn't have hallucinogenic properties.

Alabama Seeks Comment on Plans to Add Medicaid Work Requirement (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/alabama-seeks-comment-on-plans-to-add-medicaid-work-requirement/>)

2018-08-30 10:36:49

Alabama wants to require some Medicaid recipients to work if they want healthcare coverage. The public has until Thursday to comment on the plan.

A UAB Program Connects Resources For Pregnant Mothers Dealing With Substance Use Disorders (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/uab-program-connects-resources-pregnant-mothers-dealing-substance-use-disorders/>)

2018-09-04 08:22:20

Alabama's Chemical Endangerment Law makes it a felony offense to use drugs during pregnancy. A UAB program funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services wants to redirect the focus from criminalizing a woman's addiction to treating it.

UAB Receives \$10 Million for Parkinson's Research (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/uab-receives-10-million-for-parkinsons-research/>)

2018-09-20 14:25:46

The National Institutes of Health this week named UAB a Udall Center of Excellence in Parkinson's Disease Research, making it 1 of 8 such centers in country.

Environment

Health Department Gives More Time for North Birmingham Residents to Weigh in on Air Quality (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/health-department-gives-more-time-for-north-birmingham-residents-to-weigh-in-on-air-quality/>)

2018-09-10 09:33:34

The Jefferson County Department of Health extended the deadline for comments on the proposed renewal of an air emissions permit for ABC Coke. The move comes at the request of residents and environmental groups. Two public hearings are set for November at the Department of Health at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Residents may also submit comments online.

NAACP Suspends Birmingham President Hezekiah Jackson (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/naacp-suspends-birmingham-president-hezekiah-jackson-iv/>)

2018-09-13 15:03:35

The national office of the NAACP has suspended the organization's local Birmingham President Hezekiah Jackson IV. The NAACP issued a statement Wednesday evening saying it is investigating whether Jackson advised residents not to have their soil tested for potentially damaging toxins and if he received payment for those activities.

Former State Rep. Oliver Robinson To Be Sentenced in Bribery Scheme (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/former-state-rep-oliver-to-be-sentenced-in-bribery-scheme/>)

2018-09-26 10:17:10

Former State Rep. Oliver Robinson is scheduled to be sentenced Thursday in federal court. Federal prosecutors asked the judge in a filing earlier this week to give Robinson a lighter sentence because he pleaded guilty, accepted responsibility for his actions and cooperated with investigators.

ALDOT Pitches Options for Little Cahaba River Bridge. Opponents Warn of Immediate and Permanent Harm to Drinking Water (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-08-08 15:56:18

Traffic authorities seeking to extend a road across the Little Cahaba River in southern Jefferson County promised Tuesday to make it a controlled access road and prevent adjacent development in the watershed that protects metropolitan Birmingham's drinking

water supply.

Groups Ask Ivey to Push for New State Environmental Leaders (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-08-16 10:39:28

Environmental groups have asked Gov. Kay Ivey to take steps to remove from office state environmental officials who were implicated during the recent bribery trial over a plan to block the expansion of a Superfund toxic waste site in Tarrant and Inglenook.

Local NAACP Leader Says He's Not Resigning Following Concerns Over Bribery Trial (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/local-naacp-leader-says-hes-not-resigning-following-concerns-bribery-trial/>)

2018-08-01 17:36:39

The local NAACP president says he's not stepping down amid calls for his resignation. Testimony and emails presented in a recent federal bribery trial showed Hezekiah Jackson through his contacts worked to convince North Birmingham residents not to have their soil tested for contamination.

Ushuaia Blue: A Play About a Life Devoted to Science

(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/ushuaia-blue-play-life-devoted-science/>)

2018-09-21 07:46:00

Antarctica happens to be a perfect place to study the impacts of climate change. A UAB researcher has devoted his entire career to just that. This weekend, Professor Jim McClintock brings the issue to the stage, along with a love story. "Ushuaia Blue" explores the issue of global warming through the story of two marine biologists trying to save their relationship.

Don't Swat! Alabama's Bugs May Be Disappearing (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/dont-swat-alabamas-bugs-may-disappearing/>)

2018-08-21 11:51:42

The insect population has declined worldwide. Getting a grasp on Alabama's bug population has been tough. Here's why.

Cahaba Beach Road Project: Too Dangerous For Our Drinking Water? River Advocates Say Yes. (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-08-06 16:01:06

County's Major Air Polluters Concentrated in Low-Income, Minority Neighborhoods (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-08-16 13:38:27

What Are Potential Pollution Sources In Jefferson County? (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-08-16 17:17:55

Thirty-one industries, businesses and other operations in Jefferson County are considered possible large sources of pollution and issued operating permits that recognize that.

Air Quality Forecasts and Alerts (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-08-16 17:24:56

Ambient air quality in Jefferson County is forecast daily year-round for fine particulate matter and during the warm season for ozone.

Alabama Power Awaiting Federal Guidance After Court Strips Its License to Operate 7 Coosa River Dams (<https://wbhm.org>)

2018-08-28 13:24:48

It's now official. Monday, Alabama Power Co.'s license to operate its seven Coosa River dams was taken away under terms of a federal court order issued a month ago. The power company will now operate under its prior license.

Crime

Another Legislator Indicted in Corruption Case Involving Diabetes Health Clinic (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/another-legislator-indicted-in-corruption-case-involving-diabetes-health-clinic/>)

2018-07-26 11:36:37

Science and Technology

UAB Study Finds CBD Oil Helps Epilepsy Patients (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/uab-study-finds-cbd-oil-helps-epilepsy-patients/>)

2018-08-29 12:57:38

Researchers at UAB published a study this month that offers hope to those dealing with severe epilepsy. It found cannabidiol or CBD oil helps curb seizures. The substance is derived from marijuana although it doesn't have hallucinogenic properties.

Connecting With Seniors One Phone Call At A Time (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/connecting-seniors-one-phone-call-time/>)

2018-08-09 16:37:36

At the Senior Talk Line in Birmingham, volunteers call seniors just to chat. It's an effort to fight loneliness and connect with people who may have few others to connect with.

Thompson High Engineering Students Build Solutions Abroad

(<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/thompson-high-engineering-students-build-solutions-abroad/>)

2018-08-31 06:40:06

School's only been back in for a short time, but at Thompson High School in Alabaster, engineering students have already begun work on their first assignment: Build a solar powered generator for refugees in Kenya.

New App Aims to Make Game Day Parking Easier (<https://wbhm.org/feature/2018/new-app-aims-to-make-game-day-parking-easier/>)

2018-09-07 08:27:17

It's football season which means tailgates and then ... the game. But before fans even get to the stadium, they need to find parking, which can be dreadful. There have been several mobile apps developed around the country to help drivers find parking. WBHM's Janae Pierre looks at one new mobile app here in Alabama meant to take some of the pain out of parking.