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| <p>Local gym members get in a workout to start 2024</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>1-1-24</p> | <p>Community</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>To start the new year off the right way, a lot of people tend to pick up a new workout routine. Twin States visited a local gym and asked some of the members about their New Year's health resolutions. Tommy Edwards expressed why the gym is a great place to get your year started.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Another member of the gym, Seger Moore, explains that most people have the wrong mindset when trying to get into better shape. Moore says most people expect the results of working out to show up overnight.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Moore also has a few other reasons he likes to be consistent with his workout routines.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Twin States asked Moore where his brothers were, and why they weren't working out with him. He said he was always one step ahead.</p> |

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| <p>NEW YEAR, NEW DEALS: Stores gaining customers with major discounts</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>1-3-24</p> | <p>Economy</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>The start of 2024 also means the start of new deals and discounts for stores looking to finish selling their holiday products. Elizabeth Carlson of Meridian is just one of many shoppers taking advantage of these deals.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>She also emphasized what specific deals she is looking for in the stores.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>As online and in-person deals can range from 50 to 70% off, Elizabeth expressed her joy for coming to shop in person.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>As the holiday season has come to an end and a new year has begun, many stores have great deals for people to come out, that are looking for gifts, or just things in general.</p> |
| <p>HEAT STILL LINGERING! Mississippi Farmers still feeling effects of 2023 Summer drought</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>1-4-24</p> | <p>Weather</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>While last year's extremely hot temperatures may be gone, farmers are still feeling the effects of the drought that was left behind.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Jeff Davis of Meridian emphasized that as a farmer raising cattle, it takes some adjusting to deal with how dry everything is.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The dryness of the drought has not only affected farmers and cattle, according to Kim Henson of Shiloh's Farmers Market, it's also affecting produce as well.</p> <p>SOT</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>Henson also expects the drought to linger into one of their favorite seasons.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>While the drought still has an impact on farmers and their crops, it is also impacting the supply and demand for produce markets.</p> |
| <p>SICK SEASON! Viruses on the rise in Mississippi</p> | Morning Report | 1-5-24 | Health | 1:15 | <p>According to the CDC, The state of Mississippi is amongst the highest for the rise of the Flu Virus, causing people to wonder what is causing the spread.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Reflecting on the Covid pandemic of 2020, Tirale Reed of Meridian, feels that people need to be more cautious about these viruses.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>While there are some ways to help prevent the spread, such as getting a checkup, wearing masks, and washing your hands, Reed encourages a visit to the doctor to get vaccinated.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Doctors say while these viruses like the Flu, Covid, and RSV are on the rise, there are things people can do such as continue to wash their hands, wear masks if they feel sick, and be cautious when out in crowds.</p> |

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| <p>BE A HEALTHIER YOU: Meridian community spreading awareness for mental health</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>1-8-24</p> | <p>Health</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>Exercise is normally seen as a great way to start a new year, and in the city of Meridian, many people joined together to exercise while celebrating a good cause.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Zachary Ball Sr. is a local event organizer who partnered with the non-profit organization “Be the Best You” for their second annual “Walk for Mental Health.”</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Although there were heavy hearts at the event, there was also some joy, as "Be the Best You" President Darrin Mitchell Jr. encouraged people to get active.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Along with finding love and meaning in life, Nate Latham of Meridian expressed what spreading awareness of Mental Health means to him. “Being in control of your mind, despite being unable to control the things around you.” Many people in the community came out to walk in support of mental health -- because mental health truly does matter.</p> |
| <p>A COLD CELEBRATION: Meridian Community gathers in extreme cold for MLK Parade</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>1-15-24</p> | <p>Community</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>As today was a day of celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., many people were trying to keep warm, as the extremely cold weather conditions struck in the South.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Normally looking forward to better weather for an MLK parade, Kyla Hayes of Wayne County expressed their thoughts on the cool conditions.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>SOT</p> <p>Remaining on the positive side of things, Shaquita Webster emphasized the importance of giving honor on a day like today.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>While today may be more on the chillier side than normal, people in Meridian still say it was a great day to honor a great man of history.</p> |
| <p>A WEEKEND OF CHILLS: Extreme cold temperatures expected to impact the weekend</p> | Morning Report | 1-19-24 | Weather | 1:15 | <p>The extreme cold weather is expected to make a second round this weekend, and while most hope icy roads don't come with it, people like Mary Bender of Meridian encourage everyone to prepare.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Officials say one of the best ways to prepare is to make sure pipes are wrapped, leave cabinets open, and water dripping. As pet owners also want to make sure pets are inside or have enough heat to stay warm, there is also the question of vegetation.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>As temperatures are expected to drop into the teens again, Davis offers advice to anyone concerned about their vegetation.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>With the extremely cold weather expected to make another impact this weekend, many people are hoping that there's soon light at the end of the tunnel and that warmth will come back to the south.</p> |

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| <p>Shelton Gandy introduced as Meridian High's next Head Football Coach</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>1-22-24</p> | <p>Sports</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>A new era of Wildcat Football is now underway after the new head coach at Meridian High School, Shelton Gandy, was introduced at a press conference Monday afternoon. His friends and family were in attendance to support him on this big day, as well as his new players. Gandy expressed his plans for the future of Meridian High School football.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Gandy added there is a lot of work to be done before they get to where they want to be, and he said that he is ready to embrace the process” Coach Gandy told Twin States News that it is going to take unity from the entire team and staff to be successful.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Dr. Cheyenne Trussell, the athletic director, said that there were more than 30 applicants to be the Wildcats' head coach, but nobody fit the role quite like Coach Gandy.</p> <p>SOT</p> |
| <p>GRADUATION IS ALMOST HERE: High school seniors visit with Alcorn State's president</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>1-22-24</p> | <p>Education</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>It’s never too early to start thinking about the future. Senior students at Newton Municipal School District received a visit from Alcorn State University President, Tracy Cook, to help them do just that.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Cook not only talked to the students about scholarships, and what Alcorn State has to offer, the students were also able to learn about campus life and the fun events as well. Principal Sonya Chapman says it was a great way to give students a first look into their futures.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>SOT</p> <p>No matter where the students choose to go after school, whether it's to a university or to get started in their career field, the staff at Newton Municipal School District wants to make sure that the seniors have the information and tools they need to be successful in their future endeavors.</p> |
| <p>Gov. Reeves announces multi-billion-dollar tech project in Madison County</p> | Morning Report | 1-25-24 | Economy | 1:15 | <p>Governor Tate Reeves announced another major economic development project is in the works -- this time in Madison County. Governor Reeves has called another special session to finalize a multi-billion-dollar development project that's expected to create 1000 high-tech jobs.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Another big economic development project may be on the horizon in Mississippi.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>WHPM FOX23 in Hattiesburg and Twin States News have learned the company, which has yet to be named, has plans to invest \$10 billion in state-of-the-art data centers. It's a move Governor Reeves claims will mark the largest capital investment in Mississippi's history.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Last week, Governor Reeves called a special session where lawmakers approved an incentive package worth \$350 million for an electric battery plant for commercial vehicles in Marshall County.</p> |

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| <p>This is the way the cookies Crumbl; new business opens in Meridian</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>2-1-24</p> | <p>Economy</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>A new destination for tasty treats held its ribbon cutting earlier today. Crumbl Cookies, which is located in the Meridian Crossroads, was crowded with excited people trying to get their hands on those cookies. McKae Nielsen, owner and operator, tells Twin States News about opening this location in the Queen City.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Not only is he excited about being a part of Meridian, but Crumbl Cookies is looking to make an impact of their own. Crumbl has a goal to have zero cookies going to waste.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The locals of Meridian were lined up outside the door as they waited on their cookies, and they were also happy about the new business coming to town.</p> <p>SOT</p> |
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| <p>Meridian Little Theatre seeking community's help with roof fundraiser</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>2-1-24</p> | <p>COMMUNITY</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>There is a saying in the theatre that says, “The show must go on.” The Meridian Little Theatre needs maintenance repairs to continue to give audiences great quality shows.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>One of the major projects the theatre is looking to complete is fixing the roof. Which, McGehee says, suffers from various leaks.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Meridian Little Theatre received a \$102,600 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission to fix these issues. However the theatre must raise \$70,000 to match the grant and begin the projects, therefore they are seeking the community for help.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Now for those looking to help the theatre, it does have its “Super Butt Sunday” fundraiser going on, to help raise money for the leaks in the roof, as well as the lighting, because as of right now they’re having to use a tub bucket to catch water that leaks through the</p> |
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| Meridian locals react to shooting at police station | Morning Report | 2-2-24 | CRIME | 1:15 | <p>After Thursday's shooting, there are plenty of people on edge about how things allegedly went down at the police station. Twin States News asked the workers of nearby businesses and local citizens how they felt about it.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Questioning the safety of Meridian and the people in the city, another local citizen, Tessa Scarbrough, expresses a very similar opinion on the shooting.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>With the rise of concern over the safety of the city, a local barber expresses the need for change.</p> <p>SOT</p> |

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| <p>GET UP, GET OUT, GET ACTIVE: Healthier lifestyles encouraged for Heart Month</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>2-5-24</p> | <p>HEALTH</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>Doctors and health officials say taking care of your health is a necessity for a healthier lifestyle. One of the ways to manage that lifestyle is through exercise.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>As many people tend to hit the gym for a workout, Kahlmus expressed what he believes is the best way to stay active.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>And he’s not the only one, as James Grady of Meridian emphasized the importance of moving and hydrating the body.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>As February is American Health Month, people are encouraged to get out and get active, whether it’s going to the gym, or just walking to put in cardio.</p> |
| <p>NOW HIRING: Governor's Job Fair Network comes to Meridian</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>2-6-24</p> | <p>ECONOMY</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>The Mississippi Department of Employment Security hosted a job fair for the Meridian area today. People looking for a new employment opportunity were lined up and ready for their interviews. Jeff Todd, director for the Governor's Job Fair Network,</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>expresses his excitement for the turnout.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Todd says that his department has asked the companies here today to take the interview process as far as they can during the job fair. He also mentioned that they try to have as many different career fields here as possible.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The locals of Meridian and surrounding areas were excited to learn about all of the job opportunities.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Visit jobfairs.ms.gov for information about the potential jobs.</p> |
| <p>SAY NO TO DRUGS: Community seminar held in Marion to educate on the dangers of drugs</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>2-6-24</p> | <p>COMMUNITY</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>The fight against drugs has officially begun, as community leaders, and residents gathered in the town of Marion to talk about the dangers of drug culture. The fight isn't just in Marion, but in the entire Magnolia State as the Director of Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics: Colonel Steven Maxwell was the guest speaker at today's meeting. Learning from videos, and important facts about</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>the dangers of drugs, residents like Carolyn Hill, and Alderman Barbara Anthony found the seminar to be very informative.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Anthony also expressed the importance of getting the message out to today's youth.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>As many people came out to learn about the danger of these drugs and how to fight against them, Marion Chief Randall Davis says this is just Phase One to save more lives.</p> |
| <p>CUT THE RIBBON! Southeast Lady Tigers get a new softball complex</p> | Morning Report | 2-7-24 | SPORTS | 1:15 | <p>All of the Lauderdale County High School softball complexes have been upgraded over the past few years. The latest stadium to get updated was for the Southeast Lady Tigers. Senior pitcher, Allison Shannon, cannot wait to start her final season on the new field.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Teachers, Coaches, and parents all came to check out the new facility. Head Coach, Chris Harper, tells Twin States</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>why this upgrade was so important to the community here in Southeast Lauderdale.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Assistant Coach, Katie Jo Shirley, will start her new job on a new field.</p> <p>SOT</p> |
| <p>LET'S CELEBRATE: Meridian Housing Authority celebrates Youthbuild Program Graduates</p> | Morning Report | 2-9-24 | EDUCATION | 1:15 | <p>It's time for students to celebrate, as Gretchen Luvene and the Meridian Housing Authority are honoring their first ever student graduates of their Youthbuild program.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The YouthBuild Program helps youth that may be at risk, or not in school, to get a education, develop their skills, and become leaders in the community. Graduate, Asia Rue is looking forward to what's next in her future.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>As she has many options to choose from, Rue hopes to provide love and care in whatever she chooses to do.</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>SOT</p> <p>The Meridian Housing Authority and parents say that they are proud of the graduating class and look forward to what they do next in the future.</p> |
| <p>ARE WE SAFE? Kansas City Chiefs Parade Shooting sparks concerns in local residents</p> | Morning Report | 2-15-24 | CRIME | 1:15 | <p>Que Holmes, better known as “Q-Tip the Barber”, has been cutting hair for more than 14 years in Meridian. Having seen many people come to the city for different events, he finds the Queen City to be a safe area.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>While Q-Tip feels that the city is a safe place, other residents, like Donald Hopson feel that more can be done, as crime can happen anywhere.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Expressing that the city is not exempt from tragic incidents, Hopson urges more people to speak up and speak out.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Local residents and law enforcement in the city of Meridian agreed that while that incident at the Kansas City Parade</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>was tragic, they say that the city is safe as long as we pull together for a better relationship between the community and law enforcement.</p> |
| <p>BLAST FROM THE PAST: Battle of Texas Hospital Reenactment Weekend begins in Quitman</p> | Morning Report | 2-16-24 | HISTORY | 1:15 | <p>The sound of the cannon means that the weekend for the Battle of Texas Hospital in Quitman has officially begun.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Friday was School Day for students in the area to come out and learn about life during the historic days in 1864. Mason expressed the importance of people coming to learn about history.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Other exhibits visitors got a chance to enjoy included a full-scale replica of the H.L. Hunley Submarine, local vendors,</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>and this reporter even had the chance to learn how to shoot a musket. As School Day for the Battle of Texas Hospital did not go as planned, people in the community are encouraged to come out to Archusa Creek Water Park for the rest of the weekend, to enjoy the reenactment.</p> |
| <p>WE READY! Meridian Public School District 3rd graders get "Pumped up" for MAAP Assessment</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>2-23-24</p> | <p>EDUCATION</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>School can sometimes be stressful, especially when one test can determine your future, that's why Meridian Public School District hosted a pep rally for it's third graders as they prepare for the upcoming MAAP Assessment</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Not only was the pep rally motivation for the test, Early Literacy Coordinator Kim Bailey, said it was also a celebration.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Looking ahead to the test, Bailey feels certain that the students will do an excellent job.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>As students are still encouraged to keep</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>reading, Jones also expressed what he enjoyed most about reading the Judy Moody book.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Third graders at Meridian Public School District say they are pumped up, and ready to take on their test.</p> |
| <p>AT&T offers a \$5 rebate to customers that lost service last Thursday</p> | Morning Report | 2-26-24 | TECHNOLOGY | 1:15 | <p>AT&T has made an offer to help ease customer tension after last week's telecommunication outage, and their CEO has also apologized for the nationwide service issue. The company says those subscribers will see a five-dollar credit on one of their next two billing cycles. Twin States News asked local AT&T customers how they felt about the five-dollar rebate.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>AT&T says Thursday's outage was caused by a software update, and not a cyber attack. One customer from Decatur, Lillie Hindman, was more focused on her overall service.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Another customer walking in their store,</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>Ronald Hopson, stopped and shared his thoughts on the subject.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The company is still working on compensation for the pre-paid and enterprise customers.</p> |
| <p>Naval Air Station Meridian honors 2024 Citizen of the Year at Tuesday luncheon</p> | Morning Report | 2-27-24 | MILITARY | 1:15 | <p>The Naval Air Station of Meridian and the Mississippi Council of the Navy League hosted the AC2 Whitney Powell Military Citizen of the Year Luncheon at Weidmann’s on Tuesday. There were three nominees in attendance, and they were all given a certificate to thank and recognize the work they have done in the community.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The 2024 AC2 Whitney Powell Memorial Military Citizen of the Year honor was awarded to Christopher Vanhooose. Vanhooose says he has done most of his volunteer work at the High Schools and with the American Red Cross.</p> <p>SOT</p> |

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| <p>Meta outage had social media users unable to access Facebook or Instagram</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>3-5-24</p> | <p>TECHNOLOGY</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>Social media users were surprised Tuesday morning when they couldn't load or log on to their Facebook, Messenger, or Instagram. Those platforms have the same parent company, Meta, which appears to have had an outage earlier in the day. Users could not load the apps or websites as they normally do. Customers who use Facebook to make money, like Hailey Thompson, were not pleased about the outage.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>A spokesperson for Meta posted on X, formerly known as Twitter, that they were aware of the outage, and that they are currently working to resolve the issue. Some people weren't even aware that the outage was happening, and they had a good reason for it.</p> <p>SOT</p> |
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| <p>Local organizations receive funds to help continue their impact in community</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>3-6-24</p> | <p>COMMUNITY</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>Three organizations from the Meridian area were awarded grant money from the 100+ Women Who Care organization. Hope Village for Children was presented with a \$5,000 check as the winner of the Impact Award. Terri Province, executive director of Hope Village, said it means so much to win this award voted on by the community, and she mentioned their plans for the money.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The other two organizations, Wesley House, and Creature Comforts, didn't win, but they were each awarded \$500 grants. Twin States News spoke with Reverend David Schultz about what it means for Wesley House to receive this money.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The Community Foundation of East Mississippi's Executive Director, Christin Waters, explains what the organization's objective is.</p> <p>SOT</p> |
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| <p>Meridian Community College inducts students into Phi Theta Kappa</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>3-6-24</p> | <p>EDUCATION</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>They say that hard work always pays off, and for some students at Meridian Community College, their hard work was rewarded by becoming a part of the Phi Theta Kappa Academic Honor Society. Not only are the students inducted into the honors society, but being a part of Phi Theta Kappa allows them to receive automatic scholarships to Universities across the State and County. It's something that Madison Cunningham finds beneficial.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Being inducted to the honors society as a sophomore, Emma Watson looks forward to networking with the other inductees.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Meridian Community College is proud of its new inductees into Phi Theta Kappa and continues to encourage them to keep up the hard work, to push forward, and to find their wings and soar.</p> |
| <p>House passes bill allowing liquor stores to sell alcohol</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>3-7-24</p> | <p>ECONOMY</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>Current Mississippi law allows package stores to stay open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. That</p> |

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| on Sundays | | | | <p>could soon change to seven days a week after The House passed Bill 329. If the Senate advances the Bill, package stores will be allowed to open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Twin States News stopped by a few local liquor stores to get their thoughts on the potential law change. Thomas Dewese, the owner of Freddie's Fine Spirits, has concerns about locally owned liquor stores losing business to large corporations outside of Mississippi.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Deweese adds he thinks customers currently have plenty of time to get whatever beverage they need Monday through Saturday. A customer, Darrell Horne, expressed the same sentiment.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Ashini Patel, the manager of Broadmoor Wine & Spirits, says Saturdays are their busiest day, and she has a different opinion.</p> <p>SOT</p> |
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| <p>SLEEP FOR A CAUSE: Multi-County Community Agency preps for sleep-in event for homelessness</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>3-8-24</p> | <p>COMMUNITY</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>They've made your bed, and now you can lay in it. The Multi-County Community Agency is preparing for its "Sleep for a Cause" Sleep-In event, geared towards raising awareness of homelessness. Ron Collier is the executive director of the agency and feels the time to raise awareness and help is now more than ever.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>As the agency takes in many homeless people to help them back on their feet, Collier expressed that more has to be done.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The "Sleep for a Cause" event serves as a fundraiser, with a goal of \$100,000, offering those who attend a place to Donate, Eat, and Sleep, all for good cause. The hard work has begun here at the Multi-County Community Service Agency, for the "Sleep for a Cause" event that takes place Friday night at 7:00 for those who wish to come out.</p> |
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| <p>BEWARE OF POLLEN: 2024 allergy season has arrived</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>3-18-24</p> | <p>HEALTH</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>Monday is the official last day of winter. That means it's also allergy season. With the spring season, comes pollen, and there is plenty of it in Mississippi. Pollen has started falling from the trees and it is everywhere you look.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>If you are already experiencing allergy symptoms, Dr. Beard also expresses the next steps you should take to help control your symptoms.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Twin States News spoke with people in Meridian to see if they are excited about spring.</p> <p>SOT</p> |
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| <p>Lauderdale County authorities investigate burglaries at two pharmacies</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>3-19-24</p> | <p>CRIME</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>Earlier Tuesday morning, two pharmacies in Lauderdale County were broken into and robbed within a half hour of each other. The burglary happened at Clarkdale Pharmacy & Gifts and Southeast Pharmacy & Gifts before sunrise. The Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department was alerted and is further investigating the situation, but the owner of the pharmacies did not want to comment at this time. Twin States News spoke with an employee of Southeast Nutrition, Mallory Smith, about the safety of the area.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The Southeast Pharmacy has been robbed before.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>A nearby resident and customer at Southeast Nutrition, Jennifer Hughes, also commented on the safety of the area, and how they can improve their security.</p> <p>SOT</p> |
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| <p>CLOSET CLEANOUT: Local non-profit gives out clothes to the community</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>3-21-24</p> | <p>COMMUNITY</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>Citizens of Meridian had an opportunity to upgrade their wardrobes today. Care Lodge, a non-profit organization, was giving out clothes to any local who showed up in need. Twin States News stopped by to find out what people were taking home with them. Camellia D. Brown had her hands full.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Care Lodge does this giveaway whenever their closet fills up from local donations. Rachelle Williams, Care Lodge’s Community Coordinator, explains why they are giving this opportunity to the public to get free clothes.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>One local citizen found some new clothes and was grateful for the opportunity.</p> <p>SOT</p> |
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| <p>EMEPA hosts 11th Annual Shoot for a Cure event</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>3-21-24</p> | <p>COMMUNITY</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>While the guns blow, the money continues to flow; and East Mississippi Electric Power Association is happy to host the 2024 “Shoot for a Cure” event. Organizers say the event will raise awareness of cancer, patients, and their families. Margaret Brewer, the executive assistant of EMEPA, says the event continues to grow as the years go by.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>While the goal is to surpass last year's record of \$35,000 and 103 teams, participants like Jason Archie, and Jamey Farmer take pride in helping the cause.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Those who attended say Thursday’s event was a great event, and for those who couldn’t make it out, you’re still in luck, as you have time to come out Friday again to shoot for a cure.</p> |
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| <p>Meridian Police Department's Gang Unit makes multiple arrests in one week</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>3-22-24</p> | <p>CRIME</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>Earlier this week the Meridian Police Department Gang Unit and Special Operations Unit made four arrests with the help of U.S. Marshals. The charges range from murder, and aggravated assault, to aiding and abetting. Twin States News spoke with Ward 5 Council Woman, Ty Bell Lindsey, about how violent crimes impact the image of Meridian.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>With crime rates high in the city, Twin States News asked a new business owner, Johnney Bell, why he felt the need to bring the business to Meridian.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>After working in other cities, Bell spoke about not being able to recognize his hometown with all of the crime that takes place.</p> <p>SOT</p> |
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| <p>C-Spire plans ultra-fast gigabit fiber internet for Meridian residents</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>3-22-24</p> | <p>TECHNOLOGY</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>C-Spire is planning to bring ultra-fast gigabit fiber internet to Meridian residents, as a way to expand its fiber infrastructure and service thousands of homes in the area.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>As fiber is considered one of the best internet options out there, Dubois says they want to give customers the best experience when it comes to their service.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>When it comes to faster internet service, local Wi-Fi users Nevin Norling, and Corliss Atterberry, are thrilled to what it could mean for the city.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>For customers who have questions about how they can get this new fiber upgrade, they can go right here to their local C-Spire to set up an appointment.</p> |
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| <p>LEMA tells you what you should know during severe weather season</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>3-25-24</p> | <p>WEATHER</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>Do you know how to prepare for severe weather? Odie Barrett, director of Lauderdale Emergency Management Services or LEMA, encourages that now is the time to prepare as the threat of severe weather is expected to impact the area.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Morris Jones of Meridian let us know what he uses to stay informed during severe weather.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>While expressing that it's good to always be prepared, Barrett offered precautionary advice.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>With the threat of severe weather expecting to kick in from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., officials say, now is the time to be prepared and to make sure you have somewhere to go, in case of an emergency.</p> |
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| <p>LOST AND FOUND: Meridian residents check for unclaimed property, money</p> | <p>Morning Report</p> | <p>3-26-24</p> | <p>ECONOMY</p> | <p>1:15</p> | <p>Residents of the Lauderdale County area came out to see if they had any property that was unknown to them, in hopes that they'll be able to claim their money. Lee Youngblood, the director of the state treasury's unclaimed property division, says there's about \$9 million in unclaimed money just in Lauderdale County.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Youngblood expressed the importance of checking the list at events like this or on the state treasury's website, as some may have family members that may have passed and unknowingly left property behind. However, Gregory Lane and Adam Moore, two local residents, the thought of unclaimed property hasn't raised any interest or concern.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>If you missed this unclaimed property event, there are other ways you can check to see if you have unclaimed property, by logging into the database source, and searching your name.</p> |
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