

**LOCAL ISSUES DATABASE
WMDN-TV**

DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUE	PROGRAM/SEGMENT	DATE	GENERAL ISSUE	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT
<p>MCC presents the Annual Humanities Teacher of the Year Presentation</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>4-1-22</p>	<p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>Today Meridian Community College hosted its Annual Humanities Teacher of the Year Presentation. The Dean for University Transfer Education tells us the significance of the award.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The Humanities Teacher of the Year tells us what it means to her to receive this award.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Receiving the Humanities Teacher of the year Award was very special and emotional stated Johnson.</p> <p>SOT</p>
<p>LCSD Partners with MSU with Teacher Residency Program</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>4-4-22</p>	<p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>Lauderdale County School District is teaming up with Mississippi state university for a teacher residency partnership. We hear more from Sandy Reid, the Director of Curriculum on how the program will work.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The residency is for anyone in the community with a bachelor's degree and who has a passion for teaching and enriching the youth.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Reid said signing up for the program does not guarantee you a teaching position.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>A generous grant from the Mississippi Department of Education funds the full tuition, books, and testing fees for each resident admitted into the program. To sign up click the link below.</p>

					https://www.meridian.msstate.edu/academics/education/residency/MSU-TR/
Gas Prices starting to Fall	Morning Report	4-5-22	ECONOMY	1:15	<p>At a local Exxon, Ruby Brown says she's happy the prices are going down but hopes it continues</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Local Torrey Adams had a distinct opinion about why gas prices tend to constantly change.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Adams says even though gas prices have reached an unusual high, he's grateful to be paying the prices compared to what he could be paying somewhere else.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Experts say you can expect to see gas prices slowly fall over the next week.</p>
Storm Readiness: Knowing the difference between Tornado Watch vs Tornado Warning	Morning Report	4-5-22	WEATHER	1:15	<p>The month of April is on average one of the most active for Tornadoes in Mississippi. In the last several weeks The Queen City has had its fair share of severe weather from tornadoes, wind damage, and even flash flooding. Doug Stephens, the Public Safety Director gives tips on how to stay ahead and be prepared for incoming bad weather.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Most weather alerts are sent out by the national weather service. From a tornado watch to a tornado warning knowing the difference is crucial.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Remember during a tornado warning do not leave your safe place until the tornado warning has expired for your area.</p>

SEMS ranks # 1 in Vocabulary in the State of Mississippi according to Vocabulary.com	Morning Report	4-6-22	EDUCATION	1:15	<p>Southeast Middle School is taking strategic steps to have its students excel in vocabulary with the help of a website that now leaves the school ranked #1 on the website in the state of Mississippi.</p> <p>Victoria Clement 8th Grade English Teacher said</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Clement came across vocabulary.com whenever she was trying to find another resource for English and decided to purchase it for her students.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The principal of Southeast Middle School was impressed with the progress the students were having with the website that she purchased for the school and now all English Teachers have access to it in their classrooms.</p>
Blood Shortage Continues	Morning Report	4-6-22	HEALTH	1:15	<p>Vitalant blood services representative Nikelle Cooley is an advocate for blood donations. She says since COVID numbers in blood donations have dropped almost by half.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Because of the blood shortage, doctors are having to decide when and who to use blood for. Amongst other things surgical procedures, diseases like lupus, and sickle cell are just a few of the things blood is used for daily.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Cooley says if blood donation numbers don't begin to increase, the outcome could be drastic</p> <p>SOT</p>

					To find out how you can donate blood you can call Nikelle Cooley at (601)917-5040 for more information.
Local Doctor Discusses Booster Shots	Morning Report	4-7-22	HEALTH	1:15	<p>Dr. Otis Gowdy tells us that whether you are completely healthy or have a chronic underlying disease, people over the age of fifty being fully vaccinated and boosted will help curve some of the issues they could have if tested positive for COVID.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>To be fully vaccinated doctors recommend that you go through a full series of vaccination plus receive at least one booster. Meaning that you receive both doses of the vaccine. You should have received at least three shots in total to be fully protected.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>There is now a variant of the omicron known as BA.2. Dr. Gowdy tells me that it is just as contagious as the omicron but the severity of the BA.2 is still in question</p>
Highland Baptist Church begins its Holy Week	Morning Report	4-11-22	RELIGION	1:15	<p>This week Highland Baptist Church is kicking off the Easter Holiday with their Annual Holy Week Lunches. We hear from the pastor about what this annual event means to his church.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Greer who has been a part of the holy week lunches for 19 years says this is something they do to prepare for Easter Sunday.</p> <p>SOT</p>

					<p>With an estimation to have a little over 100 people in attendance, Greer tells us why having this program is so important.</p> <p>SOT</p>
<p>Clarkdale High School student is awarded the Lindy Callahan Scholar-Athlete Award</p>	Morning Report	4-12-22	EDUCAI TON	1:15	<p>A Senior from Clarkdale High School has proven that hard work and dedication pays off by being awarded the Lindy Callahan Scholar-Athlete Award. We hear more about what the award is.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Alec Michael McIlwain the recipient of the award tells us how it feels to win such a prestigious award.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Coach Scott Gibson tells us what made him choose and nominate Michael for the award.</p> <p>SOT</p>
<p>Public School's resume State Testing 2 years after COVID</p>	Morning Report	4-13-22	EDUCAT ION	1:15	<p>Due to the COVID Pandemic, it has been two years since the Public School has been graded on their students' performances. The State uses the Accountability Model to grade public schools with an A- F letter grade. With testing beginning this week for some. Janet Fortner, the Director of Curriculum for the Meridian Public School District had this to say,</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>To prepare students for the assessment Fortner says the schools have been working hard and diligently and providing interventions and after-school programs.</p> <p>SOT</p>

					Fortner says Parents have a role to play in making sure all students are ready and prepared on the day of testing, by being well-rested, on time to school, and have had breakfast on testing day.
Clarkdale suffers damage following last night's storm	Morning Report	4-14-22	WEATHER	1:15	<p>Last night's severe weather heavily impacted Clarke County. The county had a significant amount of downed powerlines as well as trees that were completely uprooted from the ground. Community members and workers alike can be seen out and about cleaning up the aftermath of the storm.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>David Sharp from Clarke County Emergency Management says that from his experience last night's storm seemed to be an EF2 range tornado.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Sheriff Todd Kemp says that first responders did an excellent job last night and thankfully there was no loss of life reported.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Officials asked for people to stay in and not go sightseeing to see the damage from the storm to allow workers to properly complete their jobs.</p>
Mayor's Health and Wellness Council Hosts Community Health Fair	Morning Report	4-20-22	HEALTH	1:15	<p>The Mayor's Health and Wellness Council hosted its first-ever Health Fair for the community. Different organizations came out to show their support by giving back to the community from health advice to financial advice.</p> <p>SOT</p>

					<p>I went around to a few organizations to see what made them want to take part in the Health Fair and how they are helping the community.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Health advice isn't the only information that was provided to the community.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>This may be the first community health fair event hosted by the mayor's health and wellness council but according to Harris, it will not be the last.</p> <p>SOT</p>
<p>West Lauderdale High Athletes Commit to College</p>	Morning Report	4-20-22	SPORTS	1:15	<p>Five different sports programs from West Lauderdale had athletes to sign today. I spoke with three of those athletes who all say they are ready to work hard and show their new athletic family what they can do.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Along with the other athlete's families, Moore's parents were in attendance. They say that the game of golf has a family tradition.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Six foot ten inches, Parker Henry signed with East Mississippi to play basketball. Henry said he was nervous but he's happy that the hard has finally paid off.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>West Lauderdale also had students commit from their tennis and soccer program</p>

<p>Third Thursday Brings Community Out</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>4-22-22</p>	<p>COMMUNITY</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>Several people were in downtown Meridian enjoying the Third Thursday event. Holley Davis with the Meridian Council for the Art told Twin States News what it took to prepare.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Diante Coker has lived in Meridian his whole life; he says he is happy to be seeing Meridian festivities start to grow.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The night was filled with excitement thanks to the blues band, food trucks, and beverages. Beverly Young says you missed out if you did not come out to the event.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The next huge event is the Three-foot Festival which will also be in Dumont Plaza beginning on May 13.</p>
<p>Governor Reeves attend Southern Pipe's Ribbon cutting ceremony</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>4-25-22</p>	<p>BUSINESS</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>Today, Governor Reeves visited Lauderdale county to take part in an Economic Development for The Queen City where Southern Pipe had their official ribbon-cutting ceremony for their new location</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Southern Pipe is a family grown business that has been in the city of Meridian for over 84 years and continues to grow and expand in The Queen City.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Governor Reeves explains why it was important for him to be a part of today's event.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The new building is 500,000 square feet southern pipe president Jay Davidson tells us what made them move to this new location.</p>

					<p>SOT</p> <p>The expansion of southern pipe to a bigger location also brings room for new job opportunities.</p>
<p>Jimmie Rodger's Music Festival starts this weekend</p>	Morning Report	5-2-22	ENTERTAINMENT	1:15	<p>The City of Meridian is gearing up for its longest-running Festival. The Jimmie Rodgers Music Festival is set to begin on May 7th. We hear from the Executive Director of the Jimmie rogers foundation Leslie Lee.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>This year the festival has included some new gospel additions to the festival.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Ken Rainey, a long-time promoter of the Jimmie Rodger's festival gives insight on the artists that will be performing.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Tickets are still available to attend the festival by visiting https://www.jimmierodgers.com/festival or calling The Temple Theatre Box Office at 601-693-5353.</p>
<p>Lauderdale County Supervisors Opt-Out of Medical Cannabis Act</p>	Morning Report	5-2-22	HEALTH	1:15	<p>A day before the state's medical cannabis act deadline, the Lauderdale County board of supervisors met to take a vote on whether they would opt-out. In the board of supervisors meeting this morning the results of a 3-2 vote, has the county officially opting out of the medical cannabis act for right now. Board President Jonathan Wells voted to opt-out, one of his reasons is based on the revenue the county would be losing.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Along with Jonathan Wells, who voted to opt out, District 2, Wayman Newell, and District 3 Josh Todd voted to opt-out as</p>

					<p>well. The city of Meridian has not decided to opt out of the act, which automatically opts them in. Wells says that the county will be looking at how the cannabis act affects the city.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Even though the board decided to opt-out today, they have the right to revisit the subject later and decided whether they want to stick to the decision made today or reverse it. The board stated in the meeting that they will revisit the subject in January of next year.</p>
<p>Lauderdale County School District: Career & Technical Education Initiative</p>	Morning Report	5-3-22	EDUCATION	1:15	<p>The Lauderdale County School District has partnered with the Mississippi Business Development Corporation for their Empow(Her) project which is a Career and technical initiative targeting their female students. We hear more from the Assistant Principal about the program.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The student services coordinator says this program will have a positive effect on the students and give them a broader view of jobs that may be available to them.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>We hear from some students about what they are looking forward to and what they enjoy about construction.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The project is due to begin on May 20th when the students will be building twin bed frames for those in need.</p>
<p>Culinary Park Opens</p>	Morning Report	5-5-22	ECONOMY	1:15	<p>The Downtown area now has expanded the community eating options. The City of Meridian has officially opened its Culinary Park. A one-stop shop for all things food trucks. Culinary Park offers a variety of different options to choose from. We hear from Food Truck owners and customers about how they feel about now having a destination dedicated to food trucks.</p>

					<p>SOT</p> <p>Culinary Park is open every and since the food trucks are independently owned, they are able to open and operate at their own hours, we hear from some food truck vendors about their new truck designation.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>We previously spoke with the owner of Culinary Park Jimmy Copeland last when he was initially trying to get Culinary Park started. Now that it's finally completed, he shares his thoughts.</p> <p>SOT</p>
New Temple Theater Walk of Fame Honorees	Morning Report	5-5-22	COMMUNITY	1:15	<p>The Temple Theater inducted artists and members of the community into their walk of fame on Wednesday after nearly two years of not having the ceremony due to COVID.</p> <p>Nine artists and community members had the chance to make their mark in Meridian history to be seen forever, among those was the former mayor of Meridian Percy Bland III</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The honorees included: George Cummings, Parker McKee, Bill Pippin, Ken Rainey, Pat Gray, Frank Evans, and Krik Messer. They all followed the tradition of imprinting their hands and signing their names on the concrete.</p> <p>Country singer Emily White was also honored, she says when she got the news of being inducted, she couldn't say no.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>You can see the name and handprints of the Walk of Fame honorees in the front of the Temple Theater.</p>

Mental Health Resources for Students in School	Morning Report	5-11-22	HEALTH /EDUCATION	1:15	<p>It's easy for an adult to identify a child's physical needs. However, a child's mental and emotional needs may not be as obvious. Good mental health allows children to think clearly, develop socially make good decisions and learn new skills. We spoke with a local Northeast Middle School Counselor, Casey Neece on ways, the school systems help to ensure students' mental health needs are being taken care of.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Besides the Counselor's office, the school also has another resource for students to help with their mental health which is the Weems.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Neece also had some advice for parents to use to make sure their child's mental health needs are being addressed.</p> <p>SOT</p>
MSU Graduation Day at the Riley Center	Morning Report	5-12-22	EDUCATION	1:15	<p>Today the seniors of Mississippi state university held their graduation ceremony today Downtown at the Riley Center as they celebrated their accomplishments and completed a milestone in life.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The graduating class had a total of 150 students we hear from one of the graduates about how she feels to be a graduate as well as what her biggest challenge was.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Ennis says that he is proud of the graduating class for pushing through the struggles and hardships they may have endured to make sure they walked across that stage.</p> <p>SOT</p>

<p>Community Demands Answers To Why Crime Continues In The Queen City</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>5-17-22</p>	<p>CRIME</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>With a shooting occurring almost daily, and a homicide being committed almost monthly the Meridian community is wanting answers as to why there is continued violence and what it will take to end it. Many members of the community believe that the crime is a result of the youth.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Sgt. Heather Luebbers of MPD says a number of the crimes are committed by repeat offenders.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Since taking office the community has been demanding answers from both the mayor and police chief on what they plan to do about the city's crime.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Twin States News will continue to follow the violence in Meridian and what city leaders will do to combat it.</p>
<p>Enterprise Middle School has a Career Day</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>5-19-22</p>	<p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>Today Enterprise Middle School students had the chance to get an inside look at different career paths from Guest Speakers in different career fields. I had the chance to be a Guest Speaker to students who were interested in possibly going into News Broadcasting.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Garrett said that the students started with a career interest inventory to see which field they would be best in then they did research into the jobs that were chosen.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Although the students have quite a ways to go before getting into their Career Fields it's never too early to start planning for the future.</p>

<p>Community Leader Shares His Ideas to End Meridian's Continued Violence</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>5-19-22</p>	<p>COMMUNITY</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>Creating a plan to attack crime may be a start, but Ricky Hood believes there is more that must be done to stop the violence.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Hood believes that the city of Meridian and Lauderdale County has what it takes to turn this plague of violence around, but it's going to take a lot of tough conversations to get there.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Ricky Hood wants to make it clear that it is time for the black community to speak up, get involved with the youth, and start those tough conversations. It is what he believes is needed to gain control and end the violence that has been plaguing our community.</p>
<p>Run For The Wall stops in Meridian</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>5-24-22</p>	<p>COMMUNITY</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>A convoy of Motorcyclists ranging from Active Duty Military, Veterans, and Families and Friends of Veterans called Run For The Wall made a pit stop yesterday in The Queen City. Their 10-day journey began in Ontario California and they are making their way to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington DC.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>This year, the 12th year Forester has been a part of the Run For The Wall and says that the cause is very near and dear to her.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>This is the 32nd year of the Run For The Wall and the first one since COVID hit. One rider tells us how her journey so far has been.</p> <p>SOT</p>

Budgeting advice to save and shop smart	Morning Report	5-26-22	FINANCE	1:15	<p>As inflation prices surge families and individuals' finances are coming under strain. Many may find that they are now having to borrow money from friends and families. A local financial advisor has some advice and tips on how you can start budgeting.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>James says a good way to start saving is to automate your saving out of your check so that you won't be tempted to spend it.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>According to James, you can start saving and budgeting anytime you want, and making and sticking to a plan helps.</p> <p>SOT</p>
Meridian High School Graduation	Morning Report	5-27-22	EDUCATION	1:15	<p>Across multiple states, there have been at least three shootings this week at Graduation Ceremonies. Meridian High School made sure to have adequate security to ensure safety. Today the senior class of 2022 had their graduation ceremony. Family members and friends had to wait in line to go through metal detectors before entering the stadium to attend the ceremony. Graduates weigh in on the recent shootings.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Some of the Graduates already have a game plan for what they are doing in the next chapter of their lives.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The Graduating class had 270 graduates with 170 students already committed to a College or University.</p>

<p>The Salvation Army's Women's Auxiliary Organization</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>6-2-22</p>	<p>COMMUNITY</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>For the first time in over 27 years, The Salvation Army may be bringing back the Women's Auxiliary Organization. Today they held their first interest meeting with different women from the community. Captain Tamara Robb tells us more about the group.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Robb says that she worked in other communities where the organization had a positive influence and says that she is excited about the future.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Those interested in joining the Women's Auxiliary can contact The Salvation Army for more information.</p>
<p>MHS Choir to Perform in New York City</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>6-3-22</p>	<p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>After COVID canceled their New York trip two years ago, MHS choir students are excited to have the opportunity this year.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Through a grant, the choir was awarded more than \$40,000 to cover 20 students for the trip, and with the community's support, now 24 students will be able to attend.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>While in New York, the choir will also see a Broadway show and other city attractions. Burns hopes that this trip will inspire the students to continue to travel the world.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The choir leaves for New York City this Sunday.</p>

<p>Handprints of Hope</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>6-6-22</p>	<p>HEALTH</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>Today Anderson Regional Cancer Center began their Annual Handprint of Hope event where they invite cancer survivors to come out and put their handprints on a canvas to celebrate being cancer-free as well as to give hope to those that are currently battling cancer.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Ruffin says she has seen some patients in the past who were 20- 30-year survivors and says that each year they see an increase in the amount of handprint on the canvases.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Some survivors said they are always excited to participate in Handprints of Hope to bring encouragement to others.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Handprints of Hope will be taking place every day at Anderson Cancer Center until Thursday, June 9th from 8 am until 4 pm.</p>
<p>MCC'S College 4 Kids</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>6-8-22</p>	<p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>This week Meridian Community College kicked off its Annual Summer Enrichment Program College 4 Kids. The two-week program is geared towards children aged 6-12 on the campus. This year they have approximately 460 kids participating.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Dewes says the program lasts for two weeks and students have the opportunity to understand that learning can be fun and engaging and gave some examples of the type of classes they can take.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Dewes says that he loves taking part in the program and seeing the kids enjoying themselves as they are learning new skills.</p> <p>SOT</p>

Community Skatepark Meeting	Morning Report	6-9-22	COMMUNITY	1:15	<p>Last night a Community Skatepark meeting was held to discuss some possible locations and design ideas. Grindline Skateparks Inc. from Seattle was in town and went over ideas and heard from the community about what they wanted for the Skatepark.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Some of the possible sites they discussed for the skatepark were Kate Griffion Ball Field, Sowashee Park, Highland Park, and Ben Arthur Davis Park.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>A local skater who says he has been waiting 6 years for a skate park in Meridian shares his expectations for the park.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>As of now, Grindline says they have an agreement for a conceptual design and will return in July with the initial design.</p>
Juneteenth Heritage Festival returns this Weekend	Morning Report	6-13-22	COMMUNITY	1:15	<p>SOT</p> <p>The celebration kicks off on June 17th with the Black Business Expo at Dumont Plaza and the celebration will continue on the City Hall Lawn Saturday and Sunday.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Davis says that he hopes everyone comes out to attend the celebration and is happy to be able to have the celebration in The Queen City.</p> <p>SOT</p>

<p>Local Hospital Offers New Nursing Program</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>6-9-22</p>	<p>EDUCATION/HEALTH</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>The 12 month-long program is for newly graduated nurses and LPNs. Chief Nursing Officer, Wes Garrison says this opportunity is a way for the students to become familiar with the flow of the hospital.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>A participant in the program and registered nurse resident, Gabrielle Jones, believes that this one-year commitment from the hospital will help her throughout her career.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The participants are the inaugural class who will graduate within nine to twelve months of being in the program.</p>
<p>Local Neurologists inform the Community about Dementia and brain health</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>6-15-22</p>	<p>HEALTH</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>Today Neurologists from Local Hospitals teamed up to present Dementia and Brain Health information at a Lunch and Learn event to community members.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Community members had the chance to do an open floor question and answer to ask the Neurologists questions or advice in regards to someone they know suffering from Dementia.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Dr.Daud, Neurologist with Anderson Hospital at the Neurology Clinic tells us why it was important to her to take part in today's Lunch and Learn.</p> <p>SOT</p>
<p>The Veteran's Memorial Park welcomes its first installment</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>6-20-22</p>	<p>MILITARY</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>Today the Veteran's Memorial Park welcomed the Meridian jet which the Worldwide Aircraft Recovery Team escorted. This will be the first phase of The Veteran's Memorial Park.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The Veteran's Memorial Park has been in the work for the past four years and today</p>

					<p>was a significant milestone for the Memorial Park.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The President of the East Mississippi Veterans Foundation says that the arrival of the aircraft is a part of the first phase of the park and explains what it represents.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The plane will take 5-7 days to reassemble followed by a company coming in to restore the aircraft.</p>
<p>Experienced Diver provides insight into what they do locally</p>	Morning Report	6-22-22	COMMUNITY	1:15	<p>Not many people are aware that The Queen City have dive teams considering there are no beaches here. The Meridian Lauderdale County Public Library has started its Summer Reading Program with Oceans of Possibilities. To correlate with their theme, they brought in a diver to discuss exactly what a diver does here in Meridian.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Dover who's been a certified diver for over 40 years tells us just what the dive team here in Meridian does.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>With the summer heat, Dover says a lot of people will be in or near water and wanted to share a safety tip.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program will continue for the remainder of June.</p>

<p>CDC Recommends Covid-19 vaccine for Infants</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>6-22-22</p>	<p>HEALTH</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has now authorized infants that are at least 6 months old to receive the COVID vaccine and now children 5 years old and older are eligible for boosters.</p> <p>Tuesday was the first day that health care providers could administer the vaccine. Some individuals believe it was a change that was needed.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Jordan Cole questioned the complications that could come with vaccinating a child as young as 6 months.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>According to the CDC's website, 55.6% of children that are at least 5 years old in Mississippi have been fully vaccinated.</p>
<p>Keeping Pets cool during the Summer heat</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>6-27-22</p>	<p>HEALTH</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>Record-breaking temperatures and heat advisories have had Meridian residents trying to keep cool. Experts warn that the heat is not only just a danger to people but also to their furry family members.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Moore says just as we get heat strokes and heat exhaustion so do our pets and says these are signs or symptoms to watch out for.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>She says if the area where your pet is housed outdoors has cement it may be too hot for them and you should find a way to cool it down for them.</p> <p>SOT</p>

<p>Local Gas Station Prices Drop under \$4</p>	<p>Morning Report</p>	<p>6-28-22</p>	<p>ECONOMY</p>	<p>1:15</p>	<p>Gas prices have gradually hit a record high, with today's state average being \$4.42. A store in Meridian has the lowest price in town and everyone is lining up to get it. The price of gas is \$3.99 at the Country Store on State Boulevard EXT.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Since prices have constantly been rising, people did not expect them to fall under \$4 any time soon.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>With inflation on almost all goods and services, Walker says this low price at the Country Store is well welcomed.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The store clerks say that they get a gas refill every morning, but they are not sure how long prices will stay at \$3.99.</p>

