

WKNO Quarterly Issues/Programs List

July – Aug – Sept 2020

JULY 2020

Aging & Senior Issues

Aging Matters: Practical Nutrition

30 minutes

Fri July 31 at 7:30 pm

Join Tammy Algood in the supermarket and kitchen to learn about practical nutrition tips and food safety tailored to the needs of older adults. Algood will meet local experts to learn about resources for accessing healthy foods in the community.

The Best Times #816

30 minutes

Thu July 30 at 7:30 pm

If you have a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia, then you know the pain of no longer being able to share a lifetime of memories with the person you love. The disease slowly erases those shared experiences. But science is discovering more about the regions of the brain that are the last to be affected by the disease. And music seems to be able to unlock a door that allows the person inside to come out again. Host Cris Hardaway explores the music therapy that is literally "The Soundtrack of Life."

The Best Times #814

30 minutes

Thu July 16 at 7:30 pm

For the over fifty population, dancing has been called a mind-body workout — a fun exercise that's good for your heart and your head. It can boost your cardiovascular fitness and improve your bone strength. In addition, a study by the New England Journal of Medicine also revealed that frequent dancing appeared to lower the risk of dementia by a considerable degree. So what are you waiting for — "You Should Be Dancing."

The Best Times #813

30 minutes

Thu July 9 at 7:30 pm

Find out what the "Six Legal Documents You Need" are when Host Cris Hardaway discusses what legal documents we all should have as we get older with, an experienced estate planning and elder law attorney, Anthony Bradley. We will also look at how to start the conversation with your aging parents about giving up driving and "Hanging Up the Keys."

The Best Times #812

30 minutes

Thu July 2 at 7:30 pm

More than 77 million Americans have low literacy issues. "Senior Illiteracy" can have a huge impact on senior health. Being able to read is important to maintain good health, particularly if you have a serious illness or condition that requires medication or ongoing treatment. As we age, a "Fear of Falling" can affect your confidence and stop you from doing things you enjoy. Learn basic information about the fear of falls and the use of Tai Chi to help prevent them.

Crime

Behind the Headlines #1053

30 minutes

Fri., July 3, 2020 at 7 pm

The Memphis City Councilman for Super District 8 JB Smiley joins this week's WKNO-TV Behind the Headlines with host Eric Barnes and Daily Memphian reporter Bill Dries. Smiley says that there has been mixed reaction from his constituents (depending on the zip code) about the mask ordinance. Smiley also talks about local police reform and legislation that could change the way the Memphis Police Department operates. Wrapping up, guests discuss the City's 2020-2021 budget season and the economic effect COVID-19 may have.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13001

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 7/1/2020 6:00:00 PM

As the United States grapples with the novel coronavirus, nationwide protests sparked by the killing of George Floyd insist the country must confront a second epidemic: racism. Despite a longstanding belief that we are a nation divided, some say there are reasons for hope. Special correspondent Charlayne Hunter-Gault talks to New York Times columnist and author David Brooks for Race Matters.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13005

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 7/7/2020 6:00:00 PM

This summer is shaping up to be a bloody one in many cities and neighborhoods. What's behind the recent surge in gun violence? Amna Nawaz talks to Pastor Mike McBride of the Live Free Campaign, a faith-based movement committed to reducing gun violence and ending mass incarceration of people of color, and Thomas Abt of the Council on Criminal Justice and an author of the nationwide homicide study.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Weekend #1403

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 7/11/2020 5:00:00 PM

White supremacist violence in the U.S. is on the rise with deadly incidents increasing sharply over the last five years, according to new figures from the University of Maryland's Start center. It's part of a global trend that has led to increased scrutiny of what the United States defines as terrorism. Special Correspondent Simon Ostrovsky reports, as part of our recurring series, Exploring Hate.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13017

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 7/23/2020 6:00:00 PM

President Trump is sending federal law enforcement into cities he claims are being overrun by violence -- even as local officials tell him the officers are not needed or welcome. Many of the agents are dressed in military-style gear that obscures their identity, and their treatment of peaceful protesters has drawn criticism and sparked backlash. Yamiche Alcindor reports.

Education & Illiteracy

Behind the Headlines #1054

30 minutes

Fri., July 10, 2020 at 7 pm

In June, the Shelby County School (SCS) board approved 90,000 devices, which will allow students to virtually attend a classroom and continue their education. Dr. Joris Ray says the devices are one means "the SCS school system is trying to maintain the health and safety of students and teachers"-- the main missions of SCS as they reopen during the COVID-19 pandemic. Shelby County Schools superintendent Dr. Joris Ray joins this week's WKNO-TV Behind the Headlines with host Eric Barnes and Daily Memphian reporter Bill Dries. Dr. Joris Ray discusses COVID-19 concerns being raised by teachers

and parents (through meetings and surveys) as SCS sets August 10th as the first day back for students. Dr. Ray describes some of the measures that SCS is taking to protect the staff and students, including a mask requirement if on a school campus, as well as temperature checks.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13010

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 7/14/2020 6:00:00 PM

How will the fall of 2020 look for students, families and schools as the pandemic reshapes the education landscape? Community colleges, which educate about 40 percent of U.S. undergraduates, were already stretched thin. Now, their enrollment is expected to increase as students and workers change their plans. Hari Sreenivasan reports on how Maryland's Montgomery College and its students are coping.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13020

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 7/28/2020 6:00:00 PM

The pandemic has upended the traditional model of higher education, particularly for residential colleges. As many schools announce plans to charge full tuition while continuing with remote learning, some students and parents are questioning whether the price is worth it. Hari Sreenivasan reports on a new effort to rethink the value, and the cost, of traditional college in the coronavirus era.

Government

Behind the Headlines

#1057 (July 31, 2020)

Absentee voting in Shelby County is changing, following concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic and the upcoming election season. Voters can now enroll for the mail-in ballot if they are worried about COVID-19 and attending a polling facility. Linda Phillips, the Administrator of Elections for the Shelby County Election Commission, says that due to the pandemic and changes to absentee voting, the Shelby County Election Commission is expecting a major increase with mail-in ballots. Phillips says that polling places are prepared for in-person voting by providing disposable pens for voting, well-stocked pumps of hand sanitizer, as well as protective plexiglass barriers between workers and voters. Wrapping up the show, guests compare previous elections to the upcoming general and presidential elections.

By One Vote: Woman Suffrage in the South

60 minutes

Mon Jul 10 at 9 pm

When Tennessee legislator Harry T. Burn followed his mother's advice and cast his fateful vote to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, he ensured the state would forever be associated with bestowing the right to vote, a fundamental civil right, on U.S. women. But the short story of this vote belies the irony of this state and region's late and reluctant participation in the suffrage effort. The full story of Burn's vote and the Southern suffrage movement is one of compromises, abandoned ideals and promises broken; as well as deep racial and gender divisions in the struggle for political power. Tennessee's suffrage journey is part of the long aftermath of the Civil War in which women were no longer satisfied to be spectators in political processes nor to be relegated to second-class citizenship. By One Vote: Woman Suffrage in the South examines the tactics and attitudes of Tennessee and Southern suffragists, exploring how the shadow of the Confederacy and values of the "Lost Cause" shaped the fight for full female enfranchisement. Narrated by Rosanne Cash, the story chronicles the events leading up to the turbulent, nail-biting showdown of August 1920.

Perfect 36: When Women Won The Vote

30 minutes

Fri July 24 at 7:30 pm

The dramatic vote to ratify the 19th amendment, and the years of debate about women's suffrage that preceded it. On July 17, 1920, Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, arrived to spend a few days in Nashville. She was traveling on the heels of Tennessee

Governor A.H. Roberts' announcement of a special session of the state legislature, called at the urging of President Woodrow Wilson. One more state needed to ratify the proposed amendment, and that duty rested solely on the shoulders of Tennessee. Catt's few days dragged into weeks at her headquarters in the Hermitage Hotel, where pro- and anti- suffragists continued to clash in what came to be known as the "War of the Roses." Those in favor sported yellow roses, while those against wore red. On the sweltering day of August 18, 1920, the House convened. After two consecutive 48-48 outcomes to table the resolution, it was put to a vote. The votes were coming in neck and neck. At the last minute, 24-year-old freshman representative Harry Burn recalled a letter from his mother received that morning, urging him to, "be a good boy" and grant women the right to vote. In spite of wearing a red rose, Burn swung his vote, making Tennessee the deciding 36th state to enable passage of the 19th Amendment, and thereby granting women the Constitutional right to vote.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13018

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 7/24/2020 6:00:00 PM

With President Trump trailing former Vice President Joe Biden in nearly every major national poll, Democrats see November's election as a major opportunity. But the contentious political contests extend beyond the White House to the Senate. Jessica Taylor, senior editor at the Cook Political Report, joins Lisa Desjardins to discuss the current political trends and which key Senate races to watch.

Health

The Spark #807

30 minutes

Fri Jul 17 at 7:30 pm

"A Structured Approach to Increasing Support." In this episode of remote recorded interviews, Jeremy C. Park talks to Grace McLaren, Founder of First Responder Coaching, an organization saving lives by creating a wide-scale network of individuals equipped to guide people out of emotional darkness; Marquiepta Odom, Executive Director of YWCA Greater Memphis, a nonprofit helping women, girls and families in West Tennessee build safer, more sufficient lives; and TN First Lady Maria Lee, speaking to an effort to transform the state of Tennessee through service.

Behind the Headlines #1055

30 minutes

Fri., July 17, 2020 at 7 pm

On the morning of Thursday, June 16th ICU beds in Shelby County's hospitals had reached 90% capacity. Jason Little, president and CEO of Baptist Medical Healthcare, says that Baptists Healthcare systems, as well as other local Memphis hospitals, are preparing for the chance of 100% ICU capacity, due to the continuous rising cases of infected COVID-19 patients. Little joins the Presidents and CEOs Michael Ugwueke of Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare and Reginald Coopwood of Reginal One Health for this week's WKNO-TV Behind the Headlines with host Eric Barnes. Guests discuss how local Memphis hospitals are preparing for 100% capacity, including turning non-pressurized rooms into negative pressure rooms and plans for using the old Commercial Appeal building. Wrapping up, guests talk about how the recent death of George Floyd has affected the local hospital systems.

Behind the Headlines #1053

30 minutes

Fri., July 3, 2020 at 7 pm

The City of Memphis has passed an ordinance requiring people to wear masks in public, in attempt to help prevent the farther spread of COVID-19. The Memphis City Councilman for Super District 8 JB Smiley joins this week's WKNO-TV Behind the Headlines with host Eric Barnes and Daily Memphian reporter Bill Dries. Smiley says that there has been mixed reaction from his constituents (depending on the zip code) about the mask ordinance, as well as how the City should respond to novel coronavirus pandemic. Smiley also talks about local police reform and legislation that could change the way the Memphis Police

Department operates. Wrapping up, guests discuss the City's 2020-2021 budget and the economic effect COVID-19 may have.

Behind the Headlines #1056

30 minutes

Fri., July 24, 2020 at 7 pm

On Monday, July 27 there will be a vote on the re-establishment of the Shelby County Public Health Board. Director of the Shelby County Health Department Alisa Haushalter says, if initiated, the Public Health Board will be an advisory board to the Shelby County Health Department, while also advocating health and preventative measures to the community. Haushalter joins the Medical Director for Infectious Disease at Baptist Memorial Health Care Stephen Threlkeld for this week's WKNO-TV Behind the Headlines with host Eric Barnes and the Daily Memphian reporter, Bill Dries. Guests discuss the Public Health Board and how it could help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the future.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13001

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 7/1/2020 6:00:00 PM

One of the reasons COVID-19 presents such a significant global medical challenge is that there are few effective therapies for it so far. As cases fill hospital beds across many parts of the country, doctors and scientists are coming up with inventive ways to treat the disease, if not to cure it. Science correspondent Miles O'Brien reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13004

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 7/6/2020 6:00:00 PM

With the U.S. economy in shambles due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, Latina workers have suffered the worst job losses, with 19 percent reporting being unemployed in May. Latinx Americans are also among the groups most likely to contract COVID-19 -- and to die from it. We spoke to several Latina women, including two undocumented immigrants, about their experiences of the past few months.

Racism and Minority Rights

The Little Tea Shop

30 minutes

Fri July 10 at 7:30 pm

Downtown Memphis has changed a lot over the past hundred years, but The Little Tea Shop restaurant, founded by two women in 1918, has been a constant. This documentary explores the meaning of community through the restaurant's patrons and its past, and most of all, through the eyes of Suhair Lauck. A Palestinian immigrant who started running this traditional southern-style luncheonette in 1982, "Miss Sue" continues to cultivate the magic that is The Little Tea Shop.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13001

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 7/1/2020 6:00:00 PM

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Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13006

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 7/8/2020 6:00:00 PM

The deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor have sparked a renewed dialogue on racism in America. Reform advocates want policy and institutional changes, but individuals are also asking

how they can address their own inherent racism. Amna Nawaz talks to Ibram X. Kendi, author of "How to Be an Antiracist," and Robin DiAngelo, author of "White Fragility."

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Weekend #1405

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 7/18/2020 5:00:00 PM

Rep. John Lewis, a Civil Rights hero, died of pancreatic cancer Friday night. A supporter of civic engagement, including the ongoing global Black Lives Matter protests, Lewis had been beaten and arrested several times during the Civil Rights Movement. Known for powerful speeches, he advocated for getting into "good trouble" all his life. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011

John Lewis – Get in the Way

60 minutes

Thu Jul 23 at 7 pm

Follow the journey of civil rights hero, Congressman and human rights champion John Lewis. At the Selma March, Lewis came face-to-face with club-wielding troopers and exemplified non-violence. Now 76, he is considered the conscience of Congress.

Poverty

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13012

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 7/16/2020 6:00:00 PM

The global economy is likely to take a massive hit from the pandemic, and the World Bank warns poverty levels will rise as a result. It's already happening in Italy, Europe's third-largest economy. The country suffered a devastating human toll from coronavirus, and now an estimated 1 million additional Italians are unable to afford their basic needs. Special correspondent Malcolm Brabant reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Weekend #1404

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 7/12/2020 5:00:00 PM

With more people staying at home, food waste has grown across the country. Even before the pandemic nearly \$281 billion worth of food was thrown away. Special Correspondent Allison Aubrey reports on the aggressive effort by Denver, Colorado, to tackle food waste, which it bets will also help feed more people while lowering greenhouse gases. It's part of a five-part series, Waste Not, Want Not.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13015

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 7/21/2020 6:00:00 PM

As the coronavirus pandemic tears across the globe, the toll exacted in lives lost and ruined grows by the day. But for those already in need, especially the hungry and the starving, COVID-19 is accelerating their nightmares. David Beasley, executive director of the World Food Program, joins Amna Nawaz to discuss the pandemic supply chain and how to keep 270 million people fed in a year of crisis.

AUGUST 2020

Aging & Senior Issues

The Best Times #817

30 minutes

Fri Aug 6 at 7:30 pm

Description:

Volunteering can give you that warm, fuzzy feeling you get when you help someone. But there are tangible benefits as well. Volunteering can teach you new skills, help you stay active and fill your retirement hours. It can even help you make new friends. The need for volunteers is great, so why not discover the “Power of Volunteerism.” In addition, host Cris Hardaway will take a look at the human drama recounted in historian Patrick O’Daniel’s book “Memphis and the Super Flood of 1937.”

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13026

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 8/5/2020 6:00:00 PM

Throughout the pandemic, Americans in elder care facilities have been at a high risk of contracting COVID-19. But there are also those residents of nursing homes who have survived the disease in spite of their age. Centenarian Grace Weissman-Spiegel-Davis is one of those. She shares her Brief But Spectacular take on her spectacular, but not brief, life

Crime

Behind the Headlines #1060

30 minutes

Fri August 21, 2020 at 7 pm

The Memphis Police Department hires only those that live within a fifty-mile radius of the city - a policy that has caused debate as Mayor Strickland pushes for an increase in law enforcement numbers. Memphis City Council members Michalyn Easter-Thomas and Chase Carlisle have opposing views on the residency requirement for Memphis police officers. Easter-Thomas and Carlisle join this week’s Behind the Headlines with host Eric Barnes and Daily Memphian reporter Bill Dries. Guests discuss the different opinions of the residency requirement, as well as the initiative to increase law enforcement numbers - sifting the pros and cons.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Weekend #1410

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 8/2/2020 5:00:00 PM

Since the killing of George Floyd, legislators and police departments have moved to ban the use of neckholds, which have long been controversial. LAPD had restricted the use of these back in 1982. What led to this change in police policy? Cardiologist Dr. Richard Allen Williams recalls the unsettling phone call that he says made a difference.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13043

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 8/28/2020 6:00:00 PM

In our news wrap Friday, authorities in Kenosha, Wisconsin, defended their actions during protests over the police shooting of Jacob Blake. Video from Tuesday night showed officers thanking civilians who carried guns -- including one who appeared to be the white teenager charged with killing two people. Also, California Gov. Gavin Newsom unveiled a new framework for gradually reopening businesses.

Education & Illiteracy

Behind the Headlines #1058

30 minutes

Fri August 7, 2020 at 7 pm

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the University of Memphis (U of M) has decided to not cancel the 2020 Spring and Summer courses. In the duration of six months, the U of M has only experienced 25 positive cases of COVID-19. The U of M president, M. David Rudd says the 25 cases were from the people contracting COVID-19 off-campus and it does not deter the upcoming school year from the beginning on August 17. Rudd joins this week’s Behind the Headlines with host Eric Barnes and Daily Memphian reporter Bill Dries. Rudd talks about changes the U of M has made to maintain the health and safety of the students and staff, including COVID-19 testing available on campus, having the first 30 days

mainly virtual and more. Wrapping up the show, guests discuss college sports, with COVID-19's effect on how sports will be played in the upcoming year.

Memphis Soul Prize

30 minutes

Fri Aug 28 at 7:30 pm

Memphis Soul Prize is an opportunity to elevate the conversation about Memphis, and it starts with the community's high school students through poetry and filmmaking. Students create effective content through photography and videos for so many amazing clients who need to get their message out to the world. There are so many great stories in Memphis!

The Spark #808

30 minutes

Fri Aug 21 at 7:30 pm

"Intertwining Art and Leadership." Jeremy C. Park interviews Carissa Hussong of the Metal Museum, an organization working to preserve, promote, and advance the art and craft of fine metalwork; Yancy Villa-Calvo, an inspiring artist who recently won a national competition for a hanging sculpture to be displayed at Memphis International Airport; and Willie Gregory, Chairman of the Greater Memphis Chamber, a local leader stepping up to help move our city forward.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13030

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 8/11/2020 6:00:00 PM

As the new academic year gets underway, college students, parents, administrators and faculty are deliberating over whether it will be safe to hold in-person classes and resume dorm life. And residents of the surrounding towns and cities worry about the risk that returning students could bring coronavirus back to campus with them. John Yang reports on one Massachusetts town's dilemma.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Weekend #1417

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 8/29/2020 5:00:00 PM

Outdoor schooling poses several equity challenges including finding green spaces in certain cities and accessibility issues for children with physical and learning disabilities. Kate Gardoqui, educator and senior associate with Great Schools Partnership joins Hari Sreenivasan to discuss creative solutions to these problems.

Government

Behind the Headlines #1061

30 minutes

Fri August 28, 2020 at 7 pm

Marquita Bradshaw is Tennessee's democratic nominee for U.S Senate. Bradshaw believes to win in the 2020 election, a nominee has to have a people platform; taking the most prevalent voter's issues into high consideration. Bradshaw says Tennesseans are faced with poverty, systemic racism, lack of basic healthcare for all, and more. Bradshaw joins this week's Behind the Headlines with host Eric Barnes and Daily Memphian reporter Bill Dries. Bradshaw discusses if elected what she would do, in comparison to others, to tackle the issues of Tennesseans. Wrapping up, Bradshaw talks about TVA's relationship with the City of Memphis, as well as COVID-19 and the United States federal government pandemic aid.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13026

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 8/5/2020 6:00:00 PM

Stuart Stevens is one of the Republican Party's most successful campaign strategists, with a career spanning decades. In his revealing new book, "It Was All a Lie: How the Republican Party Became Donald

Trump,” Stevens admits the GOP uses race as an issue to divide Americans and win elections -- and says the party has abandoned its principles in the Trump era. He joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13027

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 8/6/2020 6:00:00 PM

In our news wrap Thursday, New York state is going to court in a bid to dissolve the National Rifle Association. The civil suit accuses top executives of diverting millions of dollars of the charitable organization’s funds for personal use. Also, the U.S. Senate voted unanimously to ban use of the video-sharing app TikTok from federally issued devices. The House had already approved the measure.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13044

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 8/31/2020 6:00:00 PM

Service: PBS

With Election Day just over two months away, Americans will begin casting ballots in a few weeks. The U.S. intelligence community has already warned of multiple attempts by foreign powers to intervene in the November election. But now comes word of changes in how top U.S. intelligence officials will brief Congress about the threats. Lisa Desjardins and Nick Schiffrin join Judy Woodruff to discuss.

Health

Behind the Headlines #1059

30 minutes

Fri August 14, 2020 at 7 pm

With the COVID-19 pandemic, many hospitals are concerned about how to treat and manage infected COVID-19 patients. St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital is faced with a different challenge - making sure that those infected with COVID-19 do not enter the campus and infect St. Jude patients with compromised immune systems. The President and CEO of St. Jude Research Hospital Dr. James R. Downing joins host Eric Barnes and The Daily Memphian reporter Bill Dries for the week’s Behind the Headlines. Dr. Downing discusses the changes to St. Jude’s protocol and guidelines to protect patients, employees and their families from COVID-19, including requiring everyone on campus to wear masks, restricting who interacts with patients, testing all employees every four days, and more. In addition, Dr. Downing talks about how St. Jude is helping children infected with COVID-19 on a national and global level.

Series Title: Frontline #3819

Episode Title: Love, Life & the Virus

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 8/11/2020 10:00:00 PM

A mother’s fight to survive COVID and see her newborn baby. How the coronavirus hit one immigrant family, their struggle to be reunited, and the community that rallied around them. Also in this two-part hour, with The Marshall Project and the Pulitzer Center, a look at what it means to be Undocumented in the Pandemic.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13031

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 8/12/2020 6:00:00 PM

Young people are making up a large proportion of the new coronavirus infections being seen across the U.S. In some states, such as Arizona and Florida, people under 45 account for more than half of all cases. Doctors are warning that young people need to take more precautions -- not only to keep from spreading the virus to older Americans, but for their own health as well. Stephanie Sy reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13039

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 8/24/2020 6:00:00 PM

In our news wrap Monday, the World Health Organization urged caution in treating COVID-19 patients with plasma from people who have had the virus. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has authorized the treatment at President Trump's urging, but top WHO scientists reiterated it is still experimental. Also, doctors in Germany say tests indicate Russian dissident Alexei Navalny was poisoned.

Racism and Minority Rights

Conversation With Rochelle Stevens

30 minutes

Fri Aug 7 at 7:30 pm

Host Tracy Bethea chats with Olympic Gold Medalist Rochelle Stevens about her career. Stevens qualified for the Olympics in 1992 in Barcelona, Spain. She won the silver medal for the women's 4x400 meter relay race and came in sixth in the world in the solo 400 meter race. At the next Olympic Games, held in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1996, Stevens competed in the women's 4x400 meter race again and this time took home the gold medal. Upon returning home to Memphis, Stevens founded the Rochelle Stevens Health and Wellness Spa, where she developed exercise, diet, and therapeutic programs. She also started and continues to sponsor the Rochelle Stevens International Track Invitational Meet, which is certified to qualify runners for the junior Olympics, senior Olympics, and the Olympic trials.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13024

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 8/3/2020 6:00:00 PM

Sunday marked what would have been literary icon James Baldwin's 96th birthday, in a year when the resurgence of Black Lives Matter protests across the world has renewed interest in his work. A new book, "Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own," explores Baldwin's ideas in current context. Amna Nawaz talks to its author, Eddie Glaude Jr. of Princeton University.

Poverty

The Best Times #817

30 minutes

Fri Aug 6 at 7:30 pm

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Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13025

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 8/4/2020 6:00:00 PM

Unemployment benefits for millions of American expired last week and Congress and the White House are still struggling to come to an agreement on the next coronavirus relief package.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Aging & Senior Issues

Aging Matters: Rural Communities

30 minutes

Fri Sept 25 at 7:30 pm

People choose to live in small towns for many reasons, but will these places have the resources to support aging populations? This edition of Aging Matters considers the benefits and disadvantages of aging in rural America.

The Best Times #901

30 minutes

Thu Sept 10 at 7:30 pm

“Williams’ Tanzania Update” - We reconnect with Ralph and Twyla Williams who moved to Tanzania in 2016 to become missionaries to the Maasai people.

The Best Times #902

30 minutes

Thu Sept 17 at 7:30 pm

“The History You Do Not Know” - More stories of the Memphis people and places you’ve never heard of with Wayne Dowdy, archivist at the Memphis Public Library.

The Best Times #903

30 minutes

Thu Sept 24 at 7:30 pm

“Memphis: A Conversation With Dan Conaway” - Observations on all things Memphis from opinion journalist Dan Conaway. “Coping With Chronic Pain” - Thirty percent of older adults report having chronic pain. What can be done about it?

Crime

Behind the Headlines #1112

30 minutes

Fri Sept 18, 2020 at 7 pm

The Shelby County Commission has brought forth three ordinances aimed at police reform with the Shelby County police department. The first ordinance requires decertifying police officers that have used excessive force and creating a database to keep track of those officers. The second decree would obligate the Sheriff’s department to get approval from the Shelby County Commission to obtain military-type weapons. The last ordinance would prevent police officers from using chemical agents on protestors. Shelby County Sheriff Floyd Bonner Jr. joins this week’s Behind the Headlines with host Eric Barnes and The Daily Memphian’s Bill Dries. Floyd explains how many of the measures proposed have already been in effect at the Shelby County Police department. In addition, Bonner talks about excessive police force, including chokeholds and shooting fleeing felons – as well as the Shelby County Police department’s stance on such actions. To wrap up the show, Bonner talks about COVID-19 and how it is affecting the Shelby County jails.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13047

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/3/2020 6:00:00 PM

In our news wrap Thursday, the mayor of Rochester, New York, has suspended police involved in the death of Daniel Prude, a Black man, last March. Officers said he was spitting; they put a hood on him and pressed him to the ground for two minutes. He died a week later. Also, the Kremlin is dismissing allegations it ordered the poisoning of Russian dissident Alexei Navalny, who remains hospitalized.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13051

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/9/2020 6:00:00 PM

The Justice Department has moved to intervene in a defamation lawsuit against President Trump. In 2019, columnist E. Jean Carroll accused Trump of raping her years ago, and later claimed his denunciations amounted to defamation. William Brangham talks to David Laufman, a former DOJ official under multiple administrations, about what he calls an "inappropriate" intervention by the attorney general.

Series Title: POV #3108

Episode Title: Whose Streets?

Length: 90 minutes

Airdate: 9/12/2020 8:00:00 PM

When unarmed teenager Michael Brown is killed by police and left lying in the street for hours, it marks a breaking point for St. Louis. Take an unflinching look at the Ferguson uprising, where citizens assert their right to live.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13061

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/23/2020 6:00:00 PM

The killing of Breonna Taylor at the hands of Louisville police galvanized a national protest movement. On Wednesday, one of the officers was indicted on criminal charges in the case -- but they weren't for Taylor's death. Many in Louisville and across the country are angry and frustrated with this outcome. Amna Nawaz reports and talks to author and professor Paul Butler of Georgetown Law School.

Education & Illiteracy

Behind the Headlines #1110

30 minutes

Fri Sept 4, 2020 at 7 pm

In March 2020, schools across the nation closed their doors as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, schools are reopening for the 2020-2021 school year, causing many parents and community members to become concerned about providing a healthy and safe educational environment. Laura Faith Kebede with Chalkbeat Tennessee says that Shelby County Schools (SCS) has decided to go completely virtual until the Shelby County COVID-19 cases reach single digits for at least 2 weeks - but SCS's decision has caused issues with childcare and addressing some of the social needs of children. Kebede joins this week on Behind the Headlines with host Eric Barnes, The Memphis Flyer's Toby Sells and The Daily Memphian's Bill Dries. Guests discuss how different schools are entering the new school year with COVID-19, as well as the reaction gained from the different school systems' approaches. In addition, guests talk about MLGW cutting off power to about 9,000 customers for overdue balances and why the decision has been controversial.

Behind the Headlines #1113

30 minutes

Fri Sept 25, 2020 at 7 pm

Shelby County Schools have gone completely virtual for the 2020-2021 school year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Joris Ray, superintendent of Shelby County Schools (SCS) says that the decision for virtual learning was made to ensure the health and safety of the students and staff. Dr. Ray says that 77% of SCS parents, who responded to an SCS survey, supported online learning, and SCS plans to remain virtual until the number of COVID-19 cases in the Mid-South reaches single digits. Dr. Ray joins this week's Behind the Headlines with host Eric Barnes and The Daily Memphian's Bill Dries. Dr. Ray explains Shelby County Schools (SCS) management of education during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, Dr. Ray talks about ways the SCS is ensuring students are getting a quality education while remaining safe and healthy -- including canceling fall sports and providing resources to prevent the "COVID-19 slide."

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13049

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/7/2020 6:00:00 PM

As schools across the country resume, parents and educators are debating the relative merits of at-home and in-class learning. But what do the students themselves think? Our Student Reporting Labs program teamed up with Detroit Public Television for a series of video diaries to document this very unusual school year as it unfolds. Here are students' perspectives, in their own words.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13065

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/29/2020 6:00:00 PM

The past few weeks have represented a back-to-school period like no other in recent memory. How are students, teachers, parents and administrators adapting to an academic year reshaped by the pandemic? We hear directly from some of them, and Daniel Domenech, executive director of the School Superintendents Association, joins Amna Nawaz to discuss the tough questions about reopening.

Government

Series Title: Amanpour and Company #3044

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/1/2020 0:00:00 AM

Christiane speaks with former U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen about America's relationship with the rest of the world and sociologist Clifford Stott about his work advising the UK government on how to reduce the risk of civil unrest in the wake of the pandemic. Michel Martin speaks with former Seattle Police Chief Norm Stamper about the "dark side" of police culture and how to fix it.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13045

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/1/2020 6:00:00 PM

The United States Census is always a daunting challenge, but in 2020, the effort is further complicated by the novel coronavirus pandemic. With a compressed timeline to complete the once-per-decade population count, some census officials worry that the effort is being politicized -- and is likely to undercount certain groups. Amna Nawaz talks to NPR's Hansi Lo Wang, who covers the Census Bureau.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13048

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/4/2020 6:00:00 PM

President Trump is facing continued criticism over disparaging remarks he allegedly made about U.S. troops. A report in The Atlantic magazine, which was later confirmed by multiple other news outlets, says Trump repeatedly called fallen American servicemembers "losers" and "suckers." In the Oval Office on Friday, Trump denied making the comments. William Brangham reports.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Weekend #1419

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 9/5/2020 5:00:00 PM

Disinformation, especially on social media, is threatening the upcoming election just like it did in 2016, social media and tech giants Facebook and Twitter announced this week. Deen Freelon, an associate professor at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill joins Michael Hill to discuss the potential power of these digital disruptions.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13050

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/8/2020 6:00:00 PM

In our news wrap Tuesday, Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives are launching a probe of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy. The Washington Post reports his former company pressured employees to make political contributions and then illegally reimbursed them. DeJoy denies breaking the law.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13051

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/9/2020 6:00:00 PM

A new political firestorm has engulfed the White House -- this time over what President Trump knew about the pandemic vs. what he said publicly on the topic. The Washington Post's Bob Woodward reports Trump

privately acknowledged the seriousness of the virus in early February in recorded phone calls and later told Woodward that he was intentionally downplaying it to Americans. John Yang reports.

Series Title: Frontline #3905

Episode Title: The Choice 2020: Trump vs. Biden

Length: 120 minutes

Airdate: 9/22/2020 9:00:00 PM

Investigating the lives and characters of Joe Biden and Donald Trump as they compete to be president. Those who know them best reveal key moments that made both men and shape how they would lead America through a time of crisis.

Series Title: Washington Week #6013

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 9/25/2020 8:00:00 PM

Washington Week remembers Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and discusses the implications of a confirmation fight just weeks before the 2020 election. And President Trump prepares to announce his selection to fill Ginsburg's seat.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13064

Episode Title: Episode 64

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/28/2020 6:00:00 PM

After years of secrecy, President Trump's finances are examined in a New York Times investigative report. What does it tell us about his business practices and income taxes? David Cay Johnston, an investigative journalist and author who has long followed President Trump's business dealings, and Peter Faber, a tax attorney who often advises wealthy clients, join Judy Woodruff to discuss.

Health

Behind the Headlines #1111

30 minutes

Fri Sept 11, 2020 at 7 pm

With the COVID-19 pandemic, many hospitals are concerned about how to treat and manage infected COVID-19 patients. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is faced with a different challenge - making sure that those infected with COVID-19 do not enter the campus and infect St. Jude patients with compromised immune systems. The President and CEO of St. Jude Research Hospital Dr. James R. Downing joins host Eric Barnes and The Daily Memphian reporter Bill Dries for the week's Behind the Headlines. Dr. Downing discusses the changes to St. Jude's protocol and guidelines to protect patients, employees and their families from COVID-19, including requiring everyone on campus to wear masks, restricting who interacts with patients, testing all employees every four days, and more. In addition, Dr. Downing talks about how St. Jude is helping children infected with COVID-19 on a national and global level.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13046

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/2/2020 6:00:00 PM

Since the pandemic began, more Americans think U.S. health care is below average compared to other nations, and the possibility of moving to a system of universal coverage is up for debate. One potential model is Switzerland, which has achieved universal coverage while preserving the private marketplace.

Series Title: PBS NewsHour #13048

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/4/2020 6:00:00 PM

In our news wrap Friday, the World Health Organization warned vaccines for the novel coronavirus may not be widely available until mid-2021. The agency said it would not recommend any vaccine until its safety was proven -- and stressed distribution must be a global effort.

Racism and Minority Rights

18 Voices Sing Kol Nidre

60 minutes

Sun Sept 20 at 4 pm

The program explores the Kol Nidre, the most sacred prayer in Judaism that begins its holiest day of Yom Kippur. The Kol Nidre's words have caused centuries of persecution, but its poignant melody has enthralled generations of Jews and non-Jews and saved the prayer from itself. The program tells the Kol Nidre story impressionistically through the tales, the anecdotes, of those who have been touched by it, be they top experts on the chant or just those who have been changed by chanting it.

POV Shorts #105

30 minutes

Sun Sept 20 at 5 pm

In the Oscar-nominated Joe's Violin, a donated musical instrument forges an improbable friendship. 91-year-old Holocaust survivor Joe Feingold and 12-year-old Bronx school girl Brianna Perez show how the power of music can bring light in the darkest of times, and how a small act can have a significant impact.

POV Shorts #203

30 minutes

Sun Sept 20 at 5:30 pm

Two films about history and memory, with a 21st-century twist. Wendy's Shabbat: Shabbat is typically observed at home with family, but here these seniors share in the celebration at a fast-food Wendy's. This film is a story of rediscovering the joys of community in older age, however unorthodox it may appear. 116 Cameras: As the Holocaust survivor community ages, the USC Shoah Foundation has embarked on an ambitious new project to transform survivors into 3D digital projections. This film follows Eva Schloss, a survivor of Auschwitz and stepsister of Anne Frank, through her story as an interactive hologram that will have conversations with generations to come.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company #3049

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/7/2020 11:00:00 PM

Activists Aalayah Eastmond and Alicia Garza reflect on the role of young people in social movements like Black Lives Matter and the March for Our Lives. Author Lemn Sissay recounts his experiences of systemic racism growing up in Britain. Historians Annette Gordon-Reed and Jon Meacham discuss Thomas Jefferson's complicated legacy.

Series Title: Amanpour and Company #3062

Length: 60 minutes

Airdate: 9/24/2020 11:00:00 PM

Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Cullors reacts to the news that none of the officers involved in Breonna Taylor's death will be charged with her killing. Charles Ramsey joins the program to give his take. Novelist Robert Harris reflects on the passing of legendary journalist Sir Harold Evans. BuzzFeed Media Editor Craig Silverman analyzes recent allegations against Facebook.

Poverty

Series Title: PBS NewsHour Weekend #1420

Length: 30 minutes

Airdate: 9/6/2020 5:00:00 PM

Food insecurity in the United States skyrocketed when the COVID-19 pandemic began, leaving emergency food distributors scrambling to provide enough to those in need. To help fill the gap, organizations around the country have doubled down on the age-old practice of gleaning: getting excess crops from farms to those in need. Special Correspondent Michael Hill reports.