



Description of WLOV Programming Providing the most Significant Treatment of Community Issues.
1st Quarter 2017

WLOV airs local news programming each week live during the following times on WLOV. Most of these newscasts were streamed live on www.wtva.com.

Monday through Friday	WLOV This Morning	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
Sunday through Friday	WLOV FOX News at 9	9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

All of the news programs are a locally produced mix of news, weather and sports and other related feature stories and segments that affect Northeast Mississippi.

The following is a list of the programs of significant treatment of Northeast Mississippi community issues. Local news stories were also posted on our website at www.wtva.com.

- Violent Crime
- Police Performance
- Politics
- Education
- Economy
- Weather
- Health Care

Local:

TOPIC
Violent Crime

Program Title: WLOV FOX News at 9 Date: Various
Time: Various Duration: Various
Detailed Description: Safety is a concern for people across North Mississippi, and the first quarter of 2017 has had its share of violent crime. Below are some of the more high-profile cases we have covered on air and online as well as efforts by law enforcement to reduce those crimes and to bring those charged to justice:

1/5 A forensic examination identified a body found in Tippah County in November as Robert Hoose, a local resident. Warrants have been issued for five people on second degree murder charges in the case.

1/10 In Columbus, police are investigating a robbery at a convenience store. Investigators say the B-Quik located at the corner of 31st Avenue and 5th Street North has been robbed several times in the past year. The latest robbery happened shortly after 8 pm Monday.

1/11 Columbus Police Chief Oscar Lewis says out of the nine homicides in his city in 2016, four are still being investigated at the start of 2017. He's asking for patience as his detectives try to solve those killings. He also plans for the department to focus more on illegal drugs as a way to reduce violent crime in Columbus.

1/11 Five arrests are made on second degree murder charges in the death of Robert Hoose. Two of the suspects are from Hattiesburg. Two more are from Tippah County. The sheriff's department is not releasing the name of the fifth suspect or revealing the motive for the killing.

1/20 A Pittsboro man is found guilty in the 2015 death of a Calhoun County man. Frankie Jones went on trial for the July 15 killing of Billy Ray Covington.

1/24 A man in Clay County was sentenced to 20 years behind bars for manslaughter. 20-year-old Charles Mullins was originally charged with murder but pleaded to the lesser crime of manslaughter. It happened more than two years after the death of his 2-month-old daughter.

1/25 A man is charged with capital murder following a weekend shooting in Grenada County. 24-year old Cornelius Spearman has been charged for shooting Charity Taylor three times Saturday evening on Holcomb Sweethome Road.

1/25 Chickasaw County sheriff's investigators are trying to figure out who killed Tammy Townsend. She was reported missing in December, and the body was found in the Davis Lake area last week. Forensic testing led her death to be classified as a homicide.

1/27 A Grenada woman pleads guilty to second degree murder in the death of her 3-year-old son. Cortinia Ewing plead guilty in Grenada County Circuit Court last week for the 2014 death of A'Marion Bounds. Ewing's boyfriend, Marqueeze Collins, will stand trial later this year on charges of murder and felony child abuse.

2/13 Law enforcement in Winston County is asking the public's help in finding 43-year-old Kevin Carter. He is wanted for a murder in the county over the weekend. No other information was released by the sheriff's department.

2/14 A woman pleads guilty to second degree murder for a deadly shooting in a Columbus parking lot restaurant. Prosecutors say Tarkesha Carter started a fight with Brittany Foster and killed her during a dispute at Buffalo Wild Wings in 2014. Carter also went inside the restaurant and fired at five others. She was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

2/20 The man wanted for a homicide in Winston County turned himself in one week after the killing of 39-year old Angela Collier. Kevin Carter turned himself in to a family member who works in law enforcement in Leake County.

2/22 A judge set bond for Kevin Carter at \$300,000 for the February 12 killing of Angela Collier on Roy Bates Road in Noxapater. Law enforcement says he shot her with an assault rifle and he has a prior criminal history, including one arrest for kidnapping.

2/22 Ricky McNeer is under arrest in Grenada County charged with murder. Sheriff's investigators accuse him of fatally shooting Robert Little at a home on Highway 7 South near the county line.

2/23 An early morning shooting in Grenada leaves a man dead and a woman in stable condition after being shot in the head. It happened in the 100 block of Covington Drive. The shooter is William Booker, who died at the scene. The victim is Teresa Davis.

2/27 A man remains behind bars in connection to a stabbing death over the weekend in Grenada. Gregory Meeks is charged with murder following the stabbing death of Floyd Golliday in the 300 block of Bell Street.

2/27 A head-on crash in Benton County claims the life of a Myrtle High School student, Alee Thomas. The other driver in the crash, Ronnie Parker, has been arrested at least four times for driving under the influence. At the moment, he is not charged although the Mississippi Highway Patrol suspects alcohol was a factor in this crash.

3/1 Derrick Bankhead's second capital murder trial in Lowndes County was supposed to happen this week, but one of the attorneys involved is sick, causing a delay. It's for the murder of his cousin, Eddie Bankhead. The defendant was convicted of the murder, but a judge ordered him to be retried since the district attorney was the defendant's attorney at one time.

3/3 A judge has sentenced a man to 40 years in prison for killing his 4-month old daughter in an act of child abuse. Joshua Clark got the maximum for second degree murder. A jury in Itawamba County found him guilty in August, but post-trial motions delayed sentencing until now.

3/3 Desmond Patterson was sentenced in Alcorn County Circuit Court to 30 years in prison for the 2016 attempted murder of Kelin Edgeston in Corinth.

3/9 The Mississippi Supreme Court has upheld a lower court's ruling to deny David Parvin a third trial in his wife's killing. A Monroe County jury found him guilty of murder in the 2007 shooting death of Joyce Parvin at their home near Aberdeen. He was convicted at his first trial and convicted again when he got a second trial on appeal.

3/11 Someone who broke into a home in Columbus is stabbed and killed by the homeowner.

3/14 Two people are shot and killed on Dixie Road in rural Clay County and law enforcement is trying to figure out who's responsible for the killings. The man and woman were found in a car. They are eventually identified as Kentario Boyd and Kenya Campbell of Tupelo.

3/17 Arrests are announced in the 3/14 double homicide in Clay County. The accused shooter, Shundray Johnson, was arrested at a Memphis motel. Tabbarius Coffey is also charged with murder, but law enforcement doesn't reveal the role he's accused of playing. The Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics says the killings were drug related.

3/20 Lillie Watson is arrested by Union County sheriff's deputies who say she shot her husband, Brian Watson, on Sunday. She is charged with attempted murder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

3/21 Two men are shot during the afternoon at OK Foods on 7th Avenue North. Police have yet to release the motive, but they are looking for Leronn Gregory, who officers describe as a person of interest.

3/21 Ronnie Parker is charged with aggravated DUI causing death in connection with the February head-on collision in Benton County that claimed the life of an 18-year-old high school student, Alee Thomas.

TOPIC
Police Performance

Program Title: WLOV FOX News at 9 Date: Various
Time: Various Duration: Various

Detailed Description: Some high profile cases have led to increased scrutiny of local police and how officers perform. Also, one major police department locally is dealing with a manpower shortage. Coverage of the examples cited may carry over from the previous quarter:

1/12 In Columbus, the police department is hiring, and it has been for months. The problem, however, is there are not enough applicants, and it comes at a time when crime numbers appear to be rising. Chief Oscar Lewis spoke about the problem during a news conference looking ahead in 2017.

1/17 The Columbus City Council approved hiring KB Turner as a consultant for the police department. The goal is for Turner to work with the police chief to make the department more effective and responsive to citizens. He will work on an effective recruitment and retention strategy since the department is down on the number of officers.

1/25 The city of Tupelo has filed a motion seeking the Antwun Shumpert family to provide information as part of its \$35 million civil suit. The family is suing the city accusing one of its officers of unjustly killing Shumpert following a traffic stop and confrontation last year.

1/30 Columbus police officers meet with the consultant who has been hired to improve the police department. KB Turner told them he hasn't been told by anyone to do anything. He thanked the officers for not quitting the force.

2/2 The city of Tupelo once again asks a judge to force the family of Antwun Shumpert to provide answers as part of the discovery process in the federal lawsuit over his death. The city contends the attorney for the family made accusations about the events the night of Shumpert's death. This latest request is for the judge to force the plaintiffs to provide evidence to support the claims or make them admit it doesn't exist.

2/3 The Shumpert family responds to the city's motion. The family attorney doesn't list any witnesses or statements he plans to introduce at trial except for the passenger in Shumpert's car. He also says they'll rely on the city's experts to show Shumpert was bitten in the groin by the K9, tried to surrender, and Officer Tyler Cook attacked Shumpert while the K9 also attacked him.

2/6 The consultant hired to improve the Columbus Police Department holds the first of his six community meetings. KB Turner answered questions from those who showed up at the Townsend Community Center. Several people spoke about the youth in the community and trying to reach out to them to cut down on crime.

2/7 Four more officers asked the Columbus City Council to approve their resignations. This is in addition to the 20 officers who have already left since the first of the year. As it stands, the 77 member department is now down to about 45 officers.

2/8 Neighbors came together for "Coffee with a Cop" in Columbus at the Hyatt Place Hotel. The event was hosted by the Columbus Police Department and Pastors on Patrol. It was a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the officers.

2/15 A former Columbus police officer says a federal court should dismiss a lawsuit filed against him because it does not have jurisdiction to hear the case. Canyon Boykin's attorney filed the motion in a lawsuit filed over the death of Ricky Ball. Boykin shot Ball several months ago following a traffic stop and a chase on foot.

2/21 The Columbus City Council has given approval for the police department to hire four officers. These officers fill the openings that came about with resignations earlier this month.

2/25 The Columbus Police Department held its first ever Career Day with the hope of getting applicants to fill at least 20 open slots for officers on the force.

3/6 Tupelo Police Chief Bart Aguirre and his command staff fielded questions from the public during an open discussion held at police headquarters. The questions ranged from body cameras to accreditation, and the Q-and-A was seen as an effort to rebuild the trust some in the community don't have in the police department.

3/8 The family of Antwun Shumpert says they are still waiting for investigative results from experts to fully answer the city of Tupelo's request for discovery following Shumpert's death. Attorneys for the Shumperts and Charles Foster filed the documents in federal court this week as part of their \$35 million civil suit against the city.

3/8 Tupelo Police Chief Bart Aguirre says he will go before the City Council tomorrow to present proposed guidelines as part of the creation of a Police Advisory Board. That board will act as a liaison between police and the community, and it came as the result of the outcry over the fatal police shooting of Antwun Shumpert.

3/10 The Tupelo Police Department has purchased 75 body cameras for police officers to wear. The city attorney has written a 15-page standard operating procedure for use of those cameras. This is in response to the fatal police shooting of Antwun Shumpert.

3/23 A federal judge has ordered the attorney for the Antwun Shumpert family to turn over evidence in the case, including video, phone and financial records. The court also sanctioned attorney Carlos Moore for not responding in a timely manner to discovery requests made by the city of Tupelo. All of this stems from a civil suit the family filed against the city in the fatal police shooting of Shumpert.

3/25 Supporters of Antwun Shumpert's family held a rally in front of Tupelo City Hall calling for justice in response to the fatal police shooting that claimed his life. They say they have forgiven Officer Tyler Cook but add he should serve time in prison for murder. Months ago, a Lee County grand jury cleared Cook of any wrongdoing.

TOPIC **Politics**

Program Title: WLOV FOX News at 9

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

Detailed Description: This is the year for municipal elections in most communities across Mississippi. Below is a sampling of stories we have aired leading up to the party primaries in May and the general election in June:

1/3 Qualifying begins today in most cities across Mississippi for municipal elections later this year. Columbus Mayor Robert Smith says he will run for reelection. Starkville Mayor Parker Wiseman and Oxford Mayor Pat Patterson say they will not seek another term. West Point Mayor Robbie Robinson says he has yet to decide if he will run again.

1/3 Starkville's city clerk says there have been more people to show up for qualifying on day one than ever before. Former chief administrative officer Lynn Spruill qualified to run for mayor. Most incumbents on the Board of Aldermen have qualified. The most competitive seat at the moment is for Ward One where incumbent Ben Carter faces Jason Camp and Christine Williams.

1/3 All incumbents on the City Council in Tupelo have qualified to run for reelection. The same goes for Mayor Jason Shelton. Opponents have until the first Friday in March to qualify for the election.

1 /4 Columbus Mayor Robert Smith has filed to run for reelection. He will be challenged by former police chief Selvain McQueen. Ward 4 on the City Council has Pierre Beard running against Lowndes County NAACP president Lavonne Harris. Council incumbents in the other wards have qualified as well.

1/5 West Point Mayor Robbie Robinson has filed to run for reelection. He is being challenged by Homer Ryland. All incumbents on the Board of Selectmen have filed to run for another four-year term.

1/11 Fulton Mayor Lynette Weatherford says she will not run again for the city's top job. Weatherford says she worked for the city for 23 years before winning the mayoral election in 2013 and her intention all along was to only serve one term.

1/12 Former Nettleton Mayor R.V. Adams passed away after dealing with an illness that sent him to hospice care. He won the special election in 2008 when Brandon Presley left office to serve on the Public Service Commission. Adams left office in 2013.

1/23 Carrollton Mayor Russell Wilson is resigning from the position effective February 1 because he has been promoted with his job at Farm Bureau and does not have time to serve in office. Vice Mayor Bernard Taylor will serve as mayor in the interim. No mayoral candidates have yet to qualify for the mayoral election.

1/23 Two more people have filed to run for mayor of Starkville. Johnny Moore and Damion Poe will join Lynn Spruill in the Democratic primary. Democratic incumbent Parker Wiseman says he will not seek another term.

1/25 Seven people have filed to run in New Albany's upcoming municipal election. Among them is Republican Jeff Olson, who will challenge Democratic incumbent Tim Kent for mayor. The police chief, alderman at large and aldermen in wards 2 and 4 are unopposed at the moment.

1/26 Noxubee County has signed a court approved consent decree that means it will clean up and maintain the county voter rolls. This was triggered by a lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union which argued the county had more registered voters than actual residents. The county will use state health records to identify dead voters still on the books to vote.

2/2 Former Columbus Mayor Jimmy Fannon has died. He served one term as mayor, winning the top job in 1993 after an unsuccessful bid four years earlier. Current Mayor Robert Smith said city employees praised Fannon for being a "kind and fair man that cared about them individually."

2/6 Union County supervisors have named Tamer Dunnam as interim tax assessor/collector to serve after her husband's death. She will serve until a special election, which will be held November 7.

2/10 Bridgette Shelley has filed to run for mayor of Tupelo. She joins the Democratic primary against incumbent Jason Shelton and Candice Knowles. No Republican has qualified to run for mayor yet.

2/14 Mississippi GOP chairman Joe Nosef met with local municipal candidates in Tupelo to provide advice on how to run an effective campaign. Democrats still have a stronghold in many local races, and Nosef says the Republican Party is trying to change that.

2/22 One of the leaders in the protest effort against Tupelo police following the Antwun Shumpert shooting has announced a bid for the City Council. James Hull is seeking the same seat he lost in a special election a couple of years ago to Travis Beard.

2/23 Lee County Democrats met at a Tupelo restaurant where they discussed the upcoming municipal elections. So far, Democrats are running in 27 out of 51 possible municipal contests in the county.

3/3 The qualifying deadline for municipal elections in Mississippi has arrived. The area's four largest cities will have contested races for mayor. Party primaries will be held May 2 with runoffs two weeks later. The general election will take place June 6.

3/6 Two people in Tupelo have decided to drop out of the upcoming municipal election. Bridget Shelley will not run for mayor. Robi Gutierrez withdrew her candidacy for Ward 3 City Council.

3/6 The Columbus Republican Municipal Executive Committee decides not to certify Garthia Halbert's candidacy for mayor saying she does not satisfy the residency requirements. That only leaves two Democrats challenging Democratic incumbent Robert Smith – Carl Lee and Selvain McQueen. The winner will face independent Montrell Coburn.

3/7 Republican Steven Parker has pulled out of the race for Tupelo mayor. That leaves incumbent Jason Shelton and challenger Candice Knowles in the Democratic primary and as the only remaining candidates for that contest.

3/9 Louisville Mayor Will Hill will serve a third term since he is unopposed in the city's upcoming municipal election. Hill says the city has a lot of projects in the works and it's an exciting time.

TOPIC **Education**

Program Title: WLOV FOX News at 9 Date: Various
Time: Various Duration: Various

Detailed Description: Improving education in the region is seen as a vital step by economic developers to make the area more attractive to prospective industries and to improve quality of life in the area. Following are stories covered on air and online:

1 /2 The Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District held three public listening sessions as part of the process of hiring a new superintendent. The search firm selected to assist with the search will facilitate the meetings at West Elementary, East Elementary and the Greensboro Center.

1/3 The Tupelo High School band is practicing for its upcoming performance in the presidential inaugural parade. It is the only band from Mississippi invited to perform to represent the state.

1 /4 The state Superintendent of Education tells a legislative committee that graduation rates are up, dropout rates are the lowest they have been in five years and literacy coaches are helping to get reading scores up. Still, some lawmakers point out Mississippi remains at the bottom of most national rankings when it comes to education.

1 /4 Barnes Crossing Hyundai donates \$10,000 toward the Tupelo High School band's upcoming performance in the presidential inaugural parade. The band needs \$100,000 to make the trip.

1/9 Students at Nanih Waiya Attendance Center now have a \$1.3 million cafeteria that doubles as a tornado safe room. It can hold up to 650 people and withstand winds of 250 miles an hour. A ribbon cutting was held with local officials and First Lady Deborah Bryant.

1/9 Heritage Academy will take 15 students to the upcoming presidential inauguration. They will visit with U.S. Senator Roger Wicker and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

1/10 Voters in the Baldwyn School District have approved a \$2 million bond issue to build a new vocational building on the high school campus. It will include four classrooms to house vocational business classes, a teacher academy, furniture manufacturing and manufacturing technician classes.

1/13 The Tupelo Public School District has started a Bus of the Month program to promote safety following a fatal school bus crash in Tennessee. Drivers and students will be rewarded based on a variety of factors, including good attendance and no traffic citations.

1/13 The Itawamba County School District says it plans to start classes soon to teach CPR to high school students. It's being mandated in all public schools in Mississippi. The Mississippi Healthcare Alliance has donated CPR training kits to the schools.

1/13 New Albany schools superintendent Jackie Ford informs the school board he will retire at the end of the current school year. Ford has been with the district since 1992 in a variety of positions.

1/13 State Senator Russell Jolly says the Mississippi Legislature is expected to have a bill that would consolidate the Okolona, Houston and Chickasaw County districts into one district. Supporters say the goal would be to save on administrative costs. However, Jolly does not believe those savings would materialize.

1/13 The Tupelo High School band says it has now raised the \$100,000 needed to make the trip to Washington to perform in the presidential inaugural parade. The Mississippi Association of Realtors and the North Mississippi Board of Realtors made a \$3,000 donation for that effort.

1/19 The Lee County School District names a teacher at Mooreville as its Teacher of the Year. Marsha Gray has been a teacher for 14 years and teaches 7th grade English at the elementary school.

1/19-20 The Tupelo High School band travels by bus to Washington to perform in the presidential inaugural parade. WTVA's Craig Ford and Symone Woolridge ride with the band and provide multiple reports from the road and from the nation's capital on the entire experience. They also share reactions from band parents and band members on this once in a lifetime opportunity.

1/23 Cursive writing is not being taught as much as it was years ago. However, there are at least two local schools who are teaching it to their students: Verona Elementary and Tupelo Christian Preparatory School. We provide a glimpse at how and why each school teaches it.

1/24 A longtime educator says he will step down as superintendent of the Nettleton School District. Michael Cates has been leading the district for the past three years. He will leave the job at the end of the school year.

1/26 Milam Elementary School in Tupelo held a Leadership Academy for girls whom teachers believe have leadership potential. Sessions are focused on teaching skills the girls can use later in life. Tupelo Mayor Jason Shelton was among those speaking to the participants.

2/1 About 20 teams from eight schools across the area competed at the Mississippi University for Women in a robotics tournament. They had to use robots to pick up stars and cubes and throw them over a fence.

2/2 A bill in the Mississippi Legislature to consolidate the North Tippah and South Tippah school districts has died in committee.

2/7 School leaders in New Albany have scheduled meetings next Monday to hear from administrators, faculty, staff and parents on what they want in a new superintendent. The meetings at the Magnolia Civic Center are being held since Jackie Ford is stepping down as leader of the city schools.

2/7 Mike Eaton, the president of Itawamba Community College, announces his retirement, soon to end his 43 year association with the school. He leaves with ICC having achieved the highest percentage gain in graduation rates among the state's 15 community colleges.

2/17 The state has agreed to loosen some regulations so the Baldwin and Booneville school districts can share resources to benefit students. Booneville will offer Advanced Placement courses online to Baldwin students. Booneville students will be able to take vocational courses in Baldwin's new vocational building.

2/21 The Alcorn County School District has implemented a new policy concerning parents who are delinquent on paying for student lunches, a policy that has upset some over fears that names would be made public. There are a variety of measures for delinquent accounts ranging from \$10 to \$20. When it reaches \$20, the parent is invited to speak to the school board. The superintendent says the parents' names will not be made public.

2/22 Three finalists have been named for the open superintendent position for the Starkville-Oktibbeha County schools. One is an assistant superintendent in Tupelo. Another is a superintendent in Tennessee. The third is a superintendent in Scott County.

2/23 The crisis team with Tupelo Public Schools met with a consultant to review how to make the district's schools safer. They went through a safety audit by Broaddus and Associates. Training methods and tactics that were reviewed were not shown to the news media.

2/25 The Oxford School District holds a job fair giving teachers the opportunity to interview for possible openings. At the moment, it is not known how many classroom positions will need to be filled.

2/27 The Lowndes County Sheriff's Department says a male teacher at Caledonia High School is accused of sexual misconduct with more than one student. The chief deputy says the incidents happened inside and outside of the county.

2/28 The school board has selected Tupelo assistant superintendent Eddie Peasant as the new superintendent of the Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District. Peasant is a former Mississippi Administrator of the Year. He starts his new job July 1.

3/2 The state Senate has passed a bill to consolidate the Houston and Chickasaw County school districts. A House committee wants to add Okolona to the consolidation bill, but the district's superintendent is opposed to that. People in Okolona we interviewed say they just want what's best for the students.

3/7 The state House approves the school district consolidation bill that has Houston, Okolona and Chickasaw County all going under one district. It goes to the state Senate for consideration. Okolona is threatening to get the U.S. Justice Department to block the consolidation.

3/8 A teacher at Calhoun City Middle School is spending the night on the roof of the school to fulfill a promise to her students. Kristy Tindall said she would do that if her students raised \$750 for the Michael J. Fox Foundation, which is doing research into curing Parkinson's disease.

3/9 There appears to be a problem with traffic at the schools in Mooreville. Traffic from three schools is sharing one road. The district superintendent says he may address the issue by having a certain area for parents to pick up students. He may also stagger release times at each of the schools.

3/10 The Lowndes County School Board has accepted the resignation of the teacher at Caledonia High School who is accused of sexual misconduct with students. He has yet to be charged, and a probable cause hearing has yet to be scheduled to determine if he should be charged.

3/21 Multiple meetings are scheduled for today concerning the required consolidation of the Winona and Montgomery County school districts. County school board members will meet first followed by county elected officials and city school board members. All meetings are open to the public.

3/21 Andy Cantrell is named a new assistant superintendent in the Tupelo public schools. He fills the opening that came about when Eddie Peasant accepted the superintendent's job with the Starkville-Oktibbeha County schools.

3/22 A former coach at Noxubee County High School pleads guilty to sexual battery of a female student. Shamaine Roberts will serve five years in jail for the crime.

3/23 The Mississippi Legislature sends Governor Phil Bryant a bill that requires public school students to pass a test to show their proficiency in cursive writing.

3/28 Okolona has been removed from the school consolidation bill that would force the Houston and Chickasaw County school districts to become one. The state House and Senate must vote on the compromise for it to take effect.

Program Title: Assignment Education Date: Various

Time: Various Duration: Various

Detailed Description: A weekly segment featuring interesting programs/initiatives by local schools/programs. The segments we aired include:

1 /4 Itawamba Attendance Center is teaching physical literacy – tracking, visualization, eye movements, coordination exercises – which educators believe will help students with learning.

1/10 The Tupelo High School band is preparing for its upcoming performance in the presidential inaugural parade. Band members will be exercising to handle the 2.5 mile route. They will perform “This Is My Country” and “God Bless America.”

1/19 St. Luke United Methodist Church in Tupelo has adopted Joyner Elementary School. More than 18 church volunteers reach with children each week. The program first targeted students who needed help with their reading skills, but now all students benefit from the one-on-one attention.

2/2 Project Help is a program in the Starkville-Oktibbeha County schools targeted toward students who don't have a consistent home. It provides help with uniforms, school supplies and personal hygiene items. A federal grant that funded the program recently ended, and the Starkville Junior Auxiliary is stepping in to provide manpower for the program.

2/9 The DECA chapter at Itawamba Agricultural High School learns about retail by preparing and selling gift baskets to students for Valentine's Day. They have to make 250 baskets before the big day arrives.

2/16 The Mississippi Geographic Alliance brought a giant map of Europe to Overstreet Elementary School in Starkville. The purpose was to introduce students to other cultures and celebrate diversity.

2/23 Students at East Amory Elementary School are given Panther Bucks for positive behavior in the classroom, completing schoolwork and meeting reading goals. One of the popular items at the Panther Buck store is to spend 20 bucks that allow a student to sit with any friend in the cafeteria instead of with their own class.

3/2 One 2nd grade classroom at New Albany Elementary School has replaced traditional desks for students with a variety of seating options. They include a couch, a carpet and pedal desks. The seating rotates daily, and the hope is that the students are more focused on what they are hearing in class.

3/9 New Albany Elementary School has introduced Wednesdays as a recycling day for students. They bring items from home that can be recycled. Some students are even involved in collecting the recycled items. The school recently received a \$1,000 grant for the recycling program.

3/23 Bruce Elementary School uses superhero status to encourage students to read. Points are earned from reading books and taking accelerated reading tests. In a nine-week period, a student can advance from sidekick status, to hero status to a full-sized superhero. Their pictures line the walls of the school as additional motivation.

TOPIC **Economy**

Program Title: WLOV FOX News at 9 Date: Various

Time: Various Duration: Various

Detailed Description: How local communities are doing economically plays a big role in the quality of life for our area. Included are stories that touch on job growth, the overall economic climate or tax revenues:

1/12 Governor Phil Bryant announces the creation of the Furniture Academy by five furniture manufacturers. Itawamba Community College and Northeast Mississippi Community College will administer courses. The hope is that the academy will address a shortage of furniture workers and help the industry stay competitive in the global market.

2/7 Aberdeen Mayor Maurice Howard announces the creation of a new task force that will help identify ways to draw more business and jobs into the city. It will be made up of five people chosen by the mayor.

2/15 The CEO of the Golden Triangle Development LINK tells the Columbus Kiwanis Club there has been a drastic increase in visitors wanting to locate to the area since "60 Minutes" featured the area for its economic development efforts. Joe Max Higgins says the interest could lead to more high paying jobs in the area.

2/17 The New Albany Main Street Association selects Billye Jean Stroud to lead the group, hoping that she can build on the foundation already laid with growth in the city's downtown with the opening of new restaurants and boutiques.

3/6 Lowndes County leaders may approve building a road and rail spur for a company that could operate on the campus of Steel Dynamics. It's a \$7.5 million project that economic developers say could bring at least 50 jobs to the area.

3/15 The Center for Automotive Research says Toyota is supporting 6,700 jobs in Mississippi, more than 1,500 of which are at the Corolla plant near Blue Springs. The rest are with plant suppliers or are spinoff jobs. According to the study, Toyota employees had a disposable income in 2015 of more than \$235 million that could be spent in the state's economy.

3/15 Regions Bank is closing its branch in Baldwyn and consolidating it with the one in the Barnes Crossing area of Tupelo. The bank says it will do what it can to identify other jobs in the company for those who may be affected by the closure.

3/23 The Mississippi Development Authority says Leggett & Platt will retain its current workforce in Tupelo through an expansion of operations. An MDA spokeswoman says the company was looking at Kentucky and China for expansion sites. The company did not reveal specifics as far as what the expansion would entail.

3/26 An expert on the furniture industry spoke at a Community Development Foundation luncheon about the future. Jerry Epperson says the demand for furniture by millennials is there. He adds the furniture produced right now is better than ever and manufacturers have product styles that fit in with the lifestyle of young people.

TOPIC **Weather**

Program Title: WTVA 9 News

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

Detailed Description: Hazardous weather conditions can have a significant impact on the area, whether it is frozen precipitation or tornadoes. Below are just some of the instances where the station has provided special weather coverage or produces stories on happenings caused by the weather:

1/5 The Natchez Trace Parkway advises drivers to use caution because of pavement issues. Those issues are being blamed on the recent drought in the area.

1/6 The threat of snow and ice has prompted many school districts in Northwest Alabama to cancel classes for the day. Noxubee County was originally the only school district in Mississippi to call off classes for the day due to the winter weather threat. The closings were later expanded to school districts near the Tennessee line due to hazardous driving conditions.

1/30 Tupelo-based Eight Days of Hope went to the Hattiesburg area to rebuild some of the 500 homes that were damaged or destroyed in the January 21 tornado. Katrina Berry traveled to the Hattiesburg-Petal area and did live reports on the efforts by this local organization to help those who had been affected by the twister.

2/8 North Pontotoc and South Pontotoc high schools have plans to build domes that will serve as storm shelters. Each one will house about 1,800 people, and the federal government is covering 90 percent of the cost of each dome.

2/23 Damage was discovered at the storm shelter at the West Amory Community Center twice within a month. City officials say trash was thrown inside, locks were destroyed and other signs of vandalism could be found. Anyone who knows who is responsible for the vandalism is asked to call police.

3/6 The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low interest loans to small businesses, agricultural cooperatives and certain nonprofits in Alcorn, Itawamba, Lowndes, Monroe, Noxubee and Tishomingo counties if they suffered financial losses due to the recent drought.

3/22 A local veterinarian provides some advice on what to do with pets when it comes to severe weather. Dr. Stephen King says provide a sturdy shelter to protect them from the elements. Inside pets may be okay in a confined space like a small room, crate or carrier.

3/27 Severe thunderstorm watches were in effect for all of the area. Programming was interrupted during the afternoon for tornado warnings. One tornado was spotted in Alcorn County near Theo. No damage was reported.

3/30 Wind damage throughout the viewing area caused damage from downed trees. Several local cut-ins were aired advising viewers of the situation.

TOPIC **Health Care**

Program Title: WLOV FOX News at 9 Date: Various
Time: Various Duration: Various

Detailed Description: There has been plenty of public interest involving hospitals in our area, which play a vital role in providing health care. Below are some of the stories we aired concerning issues/policies involving local hospitals and doctors:

1 /2 Oktibbeha County supervisors will meet with legal consultants this week to determine what steps should be taken concerning a possible sale of OCH Regional Medical Center. The Greater Starkville Development Partnership board has sent a letter to county supervisors asking that they end discussion about selling the hospital.

1 /2 Baptist Memorial Hospital – Golden Triangle in Columbus starts today with a new policy concerning pain medication in its emergency room. Based on recommendations by federal health officials, the hospital will no longer use narcotics to treat chronic pain. The change comes about over concerns about addiction to pain medications.

1 /4 A federal report says North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo overbilled Medicare by nearly \$120,000 during an audit in 2013-2014. NMMC acknowledges what happened and is paying the money back. The hospital says in one case, doctors called for patient tests that the government felt were unnecessary.

1/30 Baptist Memorial Hospital – Booneville is following the lead of its hospital in Columbus by making a change in how to treat pain in its emergency room. Based on recommendations by federal health officials, the hospital will no longer use narcotics to treat chronic pain. The change comes about over concerns about addiction to pain medications.

2/6 Oktibbeha County supervisors have voted to hire the Jackson-based law firm Butler Snow to provide legal counsel concerning a possible sale of OCH Regional Medical Center. It is still not clear which way the county will go concerning the hospital's future. It is also unclear how much these legal services will cost the county.

2/9 North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo is entering into a partnership with the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Batson Children's Hospital. NMMC is providing

medical staff at its pediatric clinics in Tupelo and Saltillo while UMMC will provide clinic staff. All entities involved say the partnership will be beneficial to younger patients.

2/14 Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood weighs in with an opinion concerning the possible sale of OCH Regional Medical Center in Starkville. A petition is being circulated to force a decision on a hospital sale to a public vote. However, Hood says the petition is invalid because county supervisors have yet to decide whether to sell the hospital.

2/21 North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo has opened a special unit on its 3rd floor for bariatric patients. The rooms where the patients stay have more space for them to get out of bed and start walking, which allows for a quicker recovery from surgery.

2/22 More than 75 percent of rebuilding Winston Medical Center in Louisville is complete. This is nearly three years after a tornado destroyed the hospital. The new hospital will include cottage style buildings for nursing home residents and state of the art technology. The hope is for all work to be completed by the end of April.

3/21 Oktibbeha County leaders heard a presentation from the Butler Snow law firm concerning a potential sale or leave of OCH Regional Medical Center. Afterward, county supervisors voted to open the proposal process to a vote, which would take place over the next 6 to 18 months. That would give officials until the end of 2018 to decide if the hospital should be sold or leased.

National:

TOPIC

Presidential Politics

Program Title: WLOV FOX News at 9 Date: Various

Time: Various Duration: Various

Detailed Description: Donald Trump became the 45th president of the United States, and his first few months in office has been a whirlwind of controversy. Below are some of the stories we have aired concerning the beginning of his first term:

1 /2 President-elect Trump casts doubt on the U.S. intelligence community's conclusion that Russia and President Vladimir Putin are behind election-year computer hacking. Meanwhile, President Obama will meet this week with congressional Democrats to discuss ways to protect Obamacare, which Trump has vowed to repeal.

1/9 A top aide confirms President-elect Trump will name son-in-law Jared Kushner as a senior advisor. Meanwhile, confirmation hearings begin this week for cabinet nominees, not all of whom have passed background checks. One of them is Jeff Sessions, the U.S senator from Alabama who was rejected for a federal judgeship in 1986 following revelations of racist remarks.

1/11 President-elect Trump held his first news conference since the summer. He denied Russia had any information that could embarrass him. He revealed his sons will take over the Trump business. He also claimed Russian President Vladimir Putin will stop ordering cyberattacks on the United States when it's Trump in the White House.

1/20 Donald Trump is sworn in as the 45th president of the United States. In his inaugural speech, he condemned the politicians around him and the capital he now leads. He said this date would be remembered as the day the people became rulers of the nation again. Our stations provided special reports from the networks all day of the inauguration.

1/25 Demonstrations were held in cities across the country hours after President Trump signed executive actions to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. He also ordered criminals without

proper documents to be deported and cut off federal money for cities that don't cooperate with immigration authorities.

1/28 President Trump signs an executive order limiting travel from seven predominantly Muslim countries, and protesters gather at JFK Airport where 12 travelers were detained. The detained were among dozens of people traveling to the U.S. when the order was signed who ended up being held at airports until their status was sorted out.

1/31 President Trump goes on primetime television to announce his nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court, Judge Neil Gorsuch of Colorado. Our stations provided live network coverage of the announcement.

2/9 A federal appeals court decides to uphold the ban on the temporary travel ban from seven predominantly Muslim countries. President Trump says the security of the country is at stake and indicates he plans to continue fighting the decision in court.

2/13 The Trump White House is dealing with its first major shakeup. National Security Advisor Mike Flynn steps down after the White House said he misled Vice President Pence about a phone call with Russia's ambassador. Some lawmakers on Capitol Hill insist Flynn's resignation just raises more questions about Trump's ties to Russia.

2/28 In a joint address to Congress, President Trump laid out aggressive goals for jobs, infrastructure and immigration but lacked specifics. He had harsh words for ISIS and directed the Department of Defense to demolish the terror group. He ended his address with a call for unity. Our stations provided live network coverage of the primetime address.

3 /4 President Trump accuses former President Obama of wiretapping his phones at Trump Tower during the election. The new president made the accusation on Twitter and offered no evidence but compared it to Nixon and Watergate. Democrats and Republicans in Congress are trying to make sense of the president's accusation.

3/6 President Trump signs an order that institutes a revised travel ban since the first one was struck down in the federal courts. This one takes effect in 10 days, takes Iraq off the original list of banned countries and is no longer an all-out ban on Syrian refugees. Even with the changes, there are still critics.

3/9 The Trump administration and Republican leaders work to pass a House GOP plan that would repeal Obamacare. However, there are conservative Republicans who oppose the plan, saying it does not go far enough to end Medicaid entitlements and gives away too much with tax credits to offset premiums.

3/16 President Trump releases his proposed budget. It calls for spending increases for Defense, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs while cutting funding for the State, Agriculture, Labor, Health and Human Services, Commerce and Education departments. It also dedicates billions of dollars to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

3/23 Leaders in the U.S. House delay a vote on the House GOP plan to repeal Obamacare. It appears there are not enough votes for passage. Republicans as well as Democrats oppose the proposal for a variety of reasons. President Trump calls for a vote tomorrow, telling members of Congress he will move on from repealing Obamacare if this bill does not pass.

3/24 The House GOP bill to repeal Obamacare is pulled since there are not enough votes for the measure to pass. One day later, President Trump tweets that Obamacare will explode and we will piece together a great health care plan for the people. House Speaker Paul Ryan says we're going to be living with Obamacare for the foreseeable future.