



Description of WLOV programming providing the most significant treatment of community issues.

1st Quarter 2018

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

The following is a list of the programs of significant treatment of Northeast Mississippi and Northwest Alabama community issues. Local news stories were also posted on our website at wlov.com, or the WTVAWLOV News app, on Facebook and on Twitter. The segments listed below had an average duration of 30 seconds to 2 minutes unless otherwise noted.

- Violent Crime
- Missing Persons
- Politics
- Education
- Economy
- Weather
- Water Problems
- Opioid Addiction

Local:

TOPIC

Program Title: WTVA 9 News on WLOV and WLOV 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 2018 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:

1/02 The Tupelo Police Department is asking for the public's help in finding the person involved in a New Year's Day shooting. It happened at Terry's Bar and Grill on Front Street. Police say the victim was able to drive to the emergency room at North Mississippi Medical Center after being shot. The shooter is described as a thin-built man standing about 6-feet-tall wearing dark clothes and a ski mask.

1/04 A woman is dead in what Oxford police say appears to have been an accidental shooting. 19-year-old Laquisha Marshall was being dropped off for work at Burger King on University Avenue. According to officers, a co-worker mishandled a gun, and it went off. Charged with culpable negligence manslaughter is 22-year-old Jadarius Harmon of Taylor.

1/04 Lee County sheriff's investigators arrest a man in connection with a shooting near Shannon on the day after Christmas. Tecarlos Ashby is charged with aggravated assault in the shooting on County Road 154 and 379. Sheriff Jim Johnson says Ashby apparently got into a car with the victim, the two got into an argument and that's when the shooting happened. The victim took off and told an off-duty deputy he had been shot.

1/04 One person is wounded in a shooting outside of Leigh Mall in Columbus. Police say the wounded man was dropping off his girlfriend at the mall when the shooting happened. The shooter knew the victim. However, the victim is reportedly not being helpful with police concerning the investigation. A white Dodge Charger is being sought as part of the investigation.

1/09 An Aberdeen man is in jail accused of a drive-by shooting. Monroe County Sheriff Cecil Cantrell says Myles Perkins pulled up in his truck beside a car and fired into the vehicle. Apparently, the shooter was trying to collect \$75, but he went after the wrong person. The victim was not struck by any of the bullets. A judge set bond for Perkins at \$25,000.

1/13 Police in Booneville have arrested three people following a shooting that left a man in the hospital. It happened at 101 Ledbetter Street. The victim was wounded in the neck. Police believe 16-year-old Kyson Barnes is the actual shooter. He's charged with aggravated assault with a weapon and will be charged as an adult. A judge set bond at \$50,000. Also facing the same charge is 24-year-old Kristen Dunlap. 32-year-old Carson Rogers is charged as an accessory.

1/13 One person is in critical condition after a shooting in West Point. Officers showed up at a home on 5th Street around 2 p.m. The male suffered from multiple gunshot wounds and is in critical condition at the hospital. Joshua Ewing has been arrested in the case, and police are looking for three more suspects.

1/13 A woman is shot twice and killed inside the Walmart in Starkville. 42-year-old Shauna Witt worked as an optometrist at the store. Arrested in the parking lot was William Chisholm of Kosciusko. He could be heard on camera begging police to kill him. Chisholm is charged with capital murder and aggravated assault. Friends say the two had a close dating relationship.

1/16 One person is dead after being shot in Aberdeen. Monroe County Sheriff Cecil Cantrell says it happened Monday night on Short Street. The victim is identified as 16-year-old Rondarrian Ward of Tupelo. Another teen is in the hospital following that shooting, which was triggered by an argument between the two.

1/16 A shooting in Lee County has left one person dead and another injured. This happened on County Road 1451 near the Mooreville-Mantachie exit on Interstate 22. A male was found dead inside a home with a gunshot wound to the head. There's no word on the female's condition. It later came to light this appeared to be a murder-suicide with 55-year-old Judy Smith pulling the trigger. She's now charged with first-degree murder. The sheriff says there's no evidence the victim provoked the incident.

1/16 Okolona police are looking for a man after someone else was shot in the stomach. Willie McMillian is accused of shooting another man during an argument at a home in South Gatlin Street. The victim is listed in stable condition at North Mississippi Medical Center. McMillian turned himself in to police the following day.

1/23 A man is recovering after an overnight shooting in Noxubee County. Sheriff Terry Grassaree says 32-year-old Don Brown got into a fight at the Airport Store just off of Highway 45 when someone pulled a gun. The victim, Erick Gullery, was flown to the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson where he is listed in stable condition. Brown is in jail.

1/23 A bad crash in Pontotoc County leads to the discovery of a man inside the vehicle with a gunshot wound. A witness saw a Honda SUV about 50 yards in a bean field off of Highway 278. That man was flown to a hospital in Jackson. The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation is handling the case.

1/23 One person is in the hospital after a drive-by shooting in Lafayette County. It happened at a house on Highway 30 sometime near 6 a.m. Investigators say as many as 15 shots were fired into the home. Three people were in the house when the shooting happened. The one victim, Larry Pegues, is in stable condition at the Med in Memphis.

1/28 A man in Columbus faces several charges after firing bullets into at least two of his neighbors' homes early this morning. Police say 57-year-old Ken Ray Hargett called them saying a home invasion was happening at his home off of Sweet Gum Lane near Holly Hills Road around 7 a.m. According to officers, there was no evidence of a home invasion. Police did find multiple weapons and cocaine in Hargett's home.

1/29 Someone opens fire outside a private party overnight at the Starkville Sportsplex sending two people to the hospital. The injuries are not believed to be life threatening. Police were working security at the party when the shooting happened. Police do not believe the victims knew the shooter, who is still being sought.

2/02 A fourth suspect is arrested in connection with a January 13 shooting that almost killed a man in West Point. 24-year-old William Earl Gaines is charged with aggravated assault. Three others are charged in the shooting of Travis Strong. Police believe a confrontation started in a yard and led into a house where Strong's 80-year-old great-grandmother was held at gunpoint. The suspects fled after Strong was shot.

2/03 The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation is looking into a deputy-involved shooting in Tishomingo County. Sheriff John Daugherty says a chase began in Alcorn County and ended in Tishomingo County. He says the driver of the vehicle hit one of his deputies with the car. The deputy was struck in the leg and back area and fired his weapon. The passenger in the vehicle was struck by a bullet and was taken to a hospital. The driver, Samuel Rice, was arrested. It was later determined that he held two people hostage nearby.

2/07 The Lee County Sheriff's Department is looking into the fatal shooting of a convicted sex offender in Plantersville. The body of 46-year-old Keith Anderson was found outside his home just off of Highway 6. An autopsy later revealed that Anderson did die from a gunshot wound. However, there have been no arrests in the case, and Coroner Carolyn Green says it may be up to a year for the full autopsy report to be completed.

2/10 One person is dead after a Saturday afternoon shooting in Poolville. Union County Sheriff Jimmy Edwards says 31-year-old Jeffrey Whitten was killed by Bobby Joe Cobb. Whitten and his girlfriend lived at Cobb's girlfriend's house on County Road 51, which is where the shooting happened. The sheriff says Cobb got involved in a domestic argument and shot Whitten multiple times. A judge set bond at \$1 million.

2/11 Lowndes County sheriff's investigators are looking into a shooting that happened in New Hope Saturday. One person was shot and taken to the hospital in Columbus for treatment, then flown to another hospital. Three people are under arrest: William Carr, Rispie Crawford and Marialys Crowe. Carr is charged with attempted murder while the other two are charged as accessories. Investigators believe this was not a random act of violence. Instead, it may have been drug related.

2/13 Police in Corinth are trying to solve a shooting at some apartments. It happened around 1:30 a.m. Sunday at the 6th Street Apartments. The victim, 42-year-old Tyrone Traylor of Corinth, was shot once in the abdomen and is being treated at Magnolia Regional Medical Center. Captain Dell Green says there was an argument over a card game between Traylor and Deontae Fernando, which led to Traylor being shot.

2/15 A jury has found a man guilty of capital murder in the robbery and shooting death of an Ole Miss graduate student. Steven Wilbanks is the third and final suspect in the case to be convicted of the December 2013 crimes. Derrick Boone and Joseph Lyons were convicted previously. Wilbanks testified during Boone's trial all three planned to rob the victim. Prosecutors say Wilbanks brought the gun and pulled the trigger.

2/15 A father in Brooksville is flown to a hospital after he was shot by his son. Police say 49-year-old Elvis Shields suffered at least three gunshot wounds. According to officers, 19-year-old Everett Shields had asked his dad a question, left the house, then came back and started shooting. The shooter is being held in the Noxubee County jail. Seven days later, the father died, and the charge against Everett Shields was upgraded from aggravated assault to murder.

2/23 An Alcorn County woman is out of jail on a \$30,000 bond after her husband was shot in the chest during an argument at their home. Sheriff's investigators say Brittanie Fletcher shot Ronald Fletcher at the home on County Road 749. After that, a friend drove him to the hospital in Corinth. He remains at Magnolia Regional Medical Center.

3/01 A businessman in Ecu was wounded in a shooting at his business. Sheriff Leo Mask says the owner of Patino Auto Service and Repair Shop was wounded in the stomach during the morning. He was found lying inside his shop. The shooting did cause North Pontotoc School to be placed on lockdown for a few hours. There is no word yet of an arrest in the case.

3/01 Law enforcement in Noxubee County are handling another father-son shooting. This time, the father is accused of shooting his son. 62-year-old Booker Smith Junior says his son, 35-year-old Antonio Matheny, had two weapons. Smith's shooting started with a fight inside their home on Butler road in the Macon and Butler area. The argument went outside, and that's where the shooting took place.

3/02 Four people are charged with capital murder in Lafayette County in the shooting death of an Abbeville man. Melvin Johnson, Learica Harris, Keontae Harris and Kentarious Kirkwood – all from Oxford – were arrested after a man's body was found in a car with a gunshot wound. Sheriff's

Investigator Alan Wilburn says it appears robbery is the motive for the killing of 41-year-old Dwayne Jones.

3/05 An Itawamba County sheriff's deputy shoots at a man accused of charging him after leading law enforcement on a chase that ended in Lee County. A witness says Daniel Clouse rammed his vehicle into the deputy's car, then tried to flee before being shot in the chest. Clouse is accused of starting the chase by doing donuts in someone's back yard in Itawamba County. It ended at Highway 371 and County Road 1400.

3/08 A man from Gore Springs is accused of leading Webster County's chief deputy on a chase over the weekend and using his vehicle as a weapon when deputies tried arresting him in Grenada County. Webster County Sheriff Tim Mitchell says Robert Salley drove to his mother's house after being shot and hid underneath a truck where he was arrested. Salley's attorney, Carlos Moore, is questioning the need for the deputy to shoot Salley during the incident and threatens to sue over what happened.

3/09 Starkville police make a second arrest in connection with the January shooting outside the Sportsplex after a private event. 19-year-old Javon Gates of Houston was originally arrested, but detectives now say 23-year-old Ladarius Patterson of Prairie is an accessory after the fact. Two people were injured in the shooting, but those injuries were not life threatening. A judge set bond for Patterson at \$30,000.

3/09 Police in Tupelo say two people were in a vehicle and opened fire on another vehicle on Lakeview Drive. When officers arrived at the Dodge's on West Main Street, they found the shooters' unoccupied vehicle. Witnesses told them the two people from that vehicle ran into a nearby Walmart. Officers say Jason Hart led them on a foot chase through the store and was arrested outside. Also arrested was Lekendrick Hux, whom officers say had a gun on him.

3/18 Union County sheriff's investigators arrest two people following a weekend shooting in Ingomar. Sheriff Jimmy Edwards says 53-year-old Leon Lewis was shot and killed by his stepson 27-year-old Larry Walker faces multiple charges along with 28-year-old Nicole Vanvraken, who's charged as an accessory. The sheriff says Lewis and Walker had been arguing when the shooting happened in a driveway. A 9-year-old boy was present when the shooting happened.

3/19 Booneville police have charged a man with attempted murder after a Sunday shooting that sent one man to the hospital with a chest wound. Chief Michael Ramey says Harley Irvin was apparently fighting Tonni Strange near Magnolia and Elm streets when the shooting occurred. Irvin's mother was later arrested, but she's not directly connected to the shooting. Ramey says it was during the shooting investigation that a gun was found in the mother's home, and she's a convicted felon who should not have had a gun with her.

3/22 Three people were shot outside a home on South Veterans in Tupelo, and police have not said anything more about the shooting other than it happened. No names of the victims have been released. No motive has been given for the shooting, and no arrests have been made. People in the neighborhood are not willing to go on camera to discuss the shooting.

3/22 One person is shot at a car wash on Raymond Avenue in Verona, and Chief J.B. Long says his officers are looking for two suspects in the case. The shooting victim, 26-year-old Jazken Green, died at the hospital in Tupelo. Police have now identified one of the suspects in the shooting. There's no word on a motive for the shooting and whether it is connected to the Tupelo shooting mentioned in the previous entry.

3/25 A teenager is shot dead in Louisville Saturday night. Winston County Coroner Scott Gregory says 17-year-old Tylan Glenn died after being shot multiple times with a handgun. The coroner says Glenn was riding in a car driven by the suspected shooter's girlfriend. There was a baby in the backseat

of the car at the time of the shooting. Isaiah Riggins is wanted for murder in the case, and Jordan Miller is wanted as an accessory.

TOPIC

Missing Persons

Program Title: WTVA 9 News on WLOV and WLOV News at 9

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

Detailed Description: Law enforcement generally asks for help in spreading the word about a missing person, whether it's a senior citizen who leaves home or a child who is either abducted or runs away and may be in danger. Following are some of the stories we have aired to assist with finding those people:

1/10 Police in Starkville ask the public's help in finding a missing couple. 24-year-old Amanda Kellum of Starkville was last seen this afternoon in west Oktibbeha County with 27-year-old Joshua Moore. The couple was in a silver 2000 Mazda with a dent in the driver's side door. Kellum stands 5-feet-4-inches tall and weighs around 155 pounds. The girl was later found safe the next day, and officers said it didn't appear any charges would be filed.

1/19 A Columbus woman has been found after the Mississippi Department of Public Safety issued a Silver Alert for her. The family of 86-year-old Alice Ruth Lenoir had to drive to Winona to pick her up. It seems she drove her vehicle into a ditch somewhere near the city in Montgomery County, according to Sheriff Bubba Nix. Lenoir is being described by law enforcement as alive and well.

1/22 Police in Columbus ask for help in finding a missing autistic man. Christopher Jamal Reed of 19th Street South was last seen inside his home around 8:30 a.m. He does not drive and has not wandered out from home in the past. He was last seen wearing black sweatpants, a light gray pullover and white tennis shoes.

1/23 More than 40 people gather to search in Columbus for the missing autistic man referenced in the previous entry. They searched the Riverwalk, Propst Park and the Soccer Complex in hopes of finding Christopher Jamal Reed but did not have any success. There is concern about Reed because of his inability to communicate normally.

1/24 Police in Columbus report that Christopher Jamal Reed has been found and is okay. He showed up in the back yard of the home that he shares with his aunt. When asked where he was, Reed said he didn't know. Police say the 25-year-old may have been staying with someone during his time away from home and that person may have dropped him off. Reed's discovery ended the Silver Alert that had been issued by the state after his disappearance.

1/31 Two girls from South Pontotoc School disappeared, triggering a massive search by law enforcement and by the surrounding community. 13-year-olds Emma Carter and Alona Finely were reported missing during the afternoon when they didn't get on the bus to ride home. Pontotoc County Emergency Management Director Ricky Jagers says the girls were found safe after a few hours of searching. Sheriff Leo Mask says the two were found hiding in the school.

2/07 The Mississippi Department of Public Safety has issued a Missing/Endangered Child Alert for three children in Aberdeen who have been abducted. 27-year-old Ashli Brown is believed to have taken the three. She stands 5-feet-6-inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. Investigators say 3-year-old Jachin Graham, 4-year-old Nasir Brown and 6-year-old Niyeema Pigeon were taken from their home in the 400 block of Columbus Street around 2 p.m. It's believed the four may be heading to Florida.

2/08 The Calhoun County Sheriff's Department is looking for 37-year-old Lonnie Wade Bevill of Vardaman. He was last seen Sunday afternoon in Monroe County walking along Highway 45 Alternate near Okolona. Sheriff Greg Pollan says Bevill apparently was dropped off at Smokie's Truck Stop. Eight days later, Bevill was found in Maricopa County, Arizona, safe and unharmed. A police officer found Bevill at a convenience store waiting for it to open.

2/20 The Mississippi Department of Public Safety has issued a Silver Alert for a man from Winston County who cannot be found. Roy Gladney was last seen driving a gray 2012 Toyota Camry with the Mississippi license plate WNF669. Family members say Gladney may suffer from a medical condition that may impair his judgment. The following day, Louisville police reported that the man had been found and was safe.

2/28 The three children from Aberdeen reportedly abducted have been found safe near Miami. Law enforcement says their mother, Ashli Brown, changed her appearance to avoid being detected. She was arrested by U.S. marshals in South Florida and returned to Mississippi on 3/26. The children were returned to their grandparents in Aberdeen.

3/02 Oktibbeha County sheriff's deputies are asking for help in locating Andre Rice. The child stands 5-feet-10-inches tall and weighs 225 pounds. Family members say they have not seen him since Monday. He was last seen wearing gray jogging pants, a blue tank top and brown tennis shoes. It was reported three days later that Rice had been found in Jackson and was okay.

3/16 Police in Tupelo are reaching out to the public in hopes of finding 15-year-old Brookleigh Armstrong. She was last seen Monday on Rachel Street in Tupelo wearing white shorts and a blue Tupelo band logo hoodie.

3/19 The Mississippi Department of Public Safety has issued a Silver Alert for a woman from Lee County who disappeared. 82-year-old Lizzie Langford was last seen around 11 a.m. Monday walking near County Road 1147 in the Mooreville area. She is in the early stages of dementia. Langford stands 5-feet-4-inches tall and has long gray hair. Langford was found the following day walking along a creek bank roughly a mile away from home. She apparently told family members she was going fishing.

3/23 Starkville police are asking for help in finding a teenager who did not return home after school. That teen is identified as 13-year-old Isaiah Ross, who was last seen at Armstrong Middle School. He was wearing a black hoodie, tan khaki pants black and white shoes and a blue backpack. That child was found and reported home safe the following day.

TOPIC

Politics

Program Title: WTVA 9 News on WLOV and WLOV News at 9

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

Detailed Description: Federal offices are on the ballot in November, but the state has two U.S. Senate seats up for grabs in what will go down as a historic year in Mississippi politics. Below are some of the stories we aired concerning those races as well as a local congressional seat coming open and some local elections:

1/04 Third District Congressman Gregg Harper announces he will not run for a sixth term. The Republican was first elected in 2008 and said he never intended to make a career in Congress. Harper

chairs the House Administration Committee and is seen as someone Governor Phil Bryant could appoint if U.S. Senator Thad Cochran retires. Harper says he has no interest in that Senate seat.

1/09 Voters in Water Valley went to the polls today to choose a new mayor. A runoff was held between Donald Gray and Terry Rockette. The seat came open with last year's resignation of Larry Hart which came after winning reelection to office. Gray defeated Rockette 552-309. Voters in Ackerman also chose a new mayor since the seat came open with the passing of Dick Cain. The mayoral runoff there was won by Tim Cutts, who defeated Dale Reid 222-113.

1/22 Four Republicans have qualified to run for the Third Congressional District seat that will be open with Rep. Gregg Harper deciding not to run for reelection. The latest is state Sen. Sally Doty of Brookhaven. At this point, no Democrats have filed to run. Qualifying ends March 1.

1/30 A special election is being held in Aberdeen to fill an opening on the Board of Alderman. Lady Garth is running for the Ward Two seat against Doug Stone and Terry Morgan. Garth at one time held the position but gave it up. Her son won a special election, but it was determined he could not continue serving since he was working as an interim superintendent of education in South Mississippi. Garth and Stone will compete in a runoff February 20.

2/02 The qualifying deadline is one week away in Water Valley for the special election to determine who should serve as alderman at large. Four people have qualified at this point: Terry Rockette, Robert Walker Junior, Taylor Trusty and Herbie Rogers. The special election is set for February 27.

2/20 A winner is declared in the Ward Two alderman runoff in Aberdeen that was initially referenced in the 1/30 entry. Doug Stone defeated Lady Garth by just six votes. A special election was ordered when the state ruled that Cloyd Garth Junior had to be removed from office because of his superintendent of education job in South Mississippi.

2/27 Republican state Senator Chris McDaniel announced he would challenge incumbent Roger Wicker in the June GOP primary for the U.S. Senate. McDaniel made the announcement in his hometown of Ellisville and positioned himself as someone who could go to Washington and shake up the status quo. The announcement was significant since McDaniel almost defeated U.S. Senator Thad Cochran in his reelection bid four years ago.

3/01 Eight people have filed to run in this year's U.S. Senate race where Roger Wicker is the incumbent. Wicker has two GOP challengers – Chris McDaniel and Gulf Coast businessman Richard Boyanton. On the Democratic side, there are six candidates – David Baria, Jensen Bohren, Victim Maurice, Jerone Garland, Omeria Scott and Howard Sherman.

3/05 U.S. Senator Thad Cochran announces he will step down from office April 1. The move had been speculated since around the first of the year. The longtime lawmaker is in his 80s, and his health had been an issue. Governor Phil Bryant will have to appoint an interim senator, and a special election for the remainder of Cochran's seat will be held in November.

3/07 The campaign of U.S. Senator Roger Wicker has rolled out its first statewide television campaign commercial, and it targets state Senator Chris McDaniel. It accuses McDaniel of opposing Donald Trump in his bid for the White House. The commercial claims McDaniel did not do anything to help Trump get elected president.

3/09 State Senator Chris McDaniel made an appearance in Tupelo. It was not an official campaign event but an event by the super PAC Remember Mississippi. A super PAC by law cannot coordinate with a campaign or directly fund a candidate's campaign. However, it can support a candidate and has no financial limits as to how much money it can raise.

3/13 Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann says he will not run for reelection as secretary of state. Hosemann says he has met his goals as secretary of state after three terms in office. Some GOP pundits speculate he could seek U.S. Senator Thad Cochran's seat or run for lieutenant governor next year.

3/20 Governor Phil Bryant has selected Agriculture Commissioner Cindy Hyde-Smith to serve as interim U.S. senator when Thad Cochran steps down from office April 1. She will become the first female U.S. senator in Mississippi history and will jump into the special election for the remainder of Cochran's term on November 5.

3/23 Governor Phil Bryant says he is looking at possibilities for who should serve as agriculture commissioner now that Cindy Hyde-Smith is leaving that office to become a U.S. senator. Bryant made his comment at a National Guard lunch in Amory and said he spoke to one person there who would be qualified for the position. The governor said he hoped to make a final decision late this week or early next week.

3/24 Cindy Hyde-Smith is downplaying the talk among Republicans and the White House that she could cost the GOP a U.S. Senate seat in the November election. Analysts say state Senator Chris McDaniel and former Democratic Congressman Mike Espy would likely end up in a runoff in November. Hyde-Smith, while in Tupelo, says she has been underestimated before in statewide campaigns.

3/28 Republican Chris McDaniel sent a letter to the Mississippi GOP asking that his name be removed from the ballot for the June primary in the U.S. Senate race against incumbent Roger Wicker. He formally declared his intention to run in the November special election to serve the remainder of U.S. Senator Thad Cochran's term. Cochran is stepping down from office April 1.

3/28 Some local Democrats are expressing interest in running in the special election for the U.S. Senate in November. Tupelo Mayor Jason Shelton posted some items on Facebook indicating he is looking at a run for the remainder of U.S. Senator Thad Cochran's term. Former state Representative Jamie Franks tells us he is looking at a run. The same can be said about Northern District Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley.

TOPIC

Education

Program Title: WTVA 9 News on WLOV and WLOV 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 regarding improvements and issues:

1/08 Mississippi University for Women President Jim Borsig says he will leave the university in late June. Borsig was appointed to lead the university in 2011. He didn't give specifics as to why the move was being made now, but the outgoing president did say he and his family were moving to Maine. In a letter to the university, Borsig said he is healthy and in good spirits.

1/17 The House Appropriations Committee in the Mississippi Legislature has approved a new school funding formula. The proposal provides a base rate of \$4,800 per student and keeps a controversial provision known as the 27 Percent Rule, which says no district will have to pay in more than 27 percent of its education costs. The bill should be up for a vote before the full House by the end of the week.

1/18 The state Board of Education has still not decided if it will take control of the schools in Noxubee County. State Superintendent Carey Wright says the board has failed to find a favorable candidate to lead a new school district that would take over poorly performing districts like Noxubee County. It would include any schools that receive an F for two straight years and any district rated F for two of three years. The new district is supposed to start this coming fall.

1/19 State representatives from North Mississippi are asking the state Board of Education to ask that school districts not have to make up days missed because of the recent winter weather. Representative Robert Foster posted on Facebook a letter sent to the board. Governor Phil Bryant declared a state of emergency that would exempt those districts, but the final decision lies with the board.

1/19 The Mississippi Department of Public Education confirms a data breach regarding state test scores. A preliminary analysis shows the unauthorized user accessed information from two districts and three schools. MDE says student addresses and social security numbers were never at risk. Those who were affected are receiving a letter explaining what happened.

1/22 The state has revealed that a couple of Tupelo schools were affected by the data breach mentioned in the previous entry. Questar, the company that handles student testing by the state, says an unauthorized user on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day viewed student assessment records from 480 students at Tupelo Middle School and 72 students at Tupelo High School. The company says that person got access to student and teacher names as well as test results.

1/30 A bill up for consideration in the Mississippi Legislature would require seat belts on new school buses. The measure is co-sponsored by Representative Cheikh Taylor of Starkville and Representative Kabir Karriem of Columbus. House Bill 1322 says each school bus bought after July 1 must be equipped with seat belts at all seating positions. Two committees have the proposal, but no action has been taken on the measure.

1/30 The University of Mississippi and Shorelight Education have agreed on a new joint program that will broaden global access to the university's undergraduate and master's degrees for international students. This new partnership will support the recruitment, retention and success of international students at Ole Miss. The partnership also will promote recruiting international students for direct admission to the university.

2/05 New numbers out today say a little more than 14 percent of Mississippi students were absent at least 10 percent of the time during the 2016/2017 school year. That's down from 15 percent in the 2013/2014 school year. The Mississippi Department of Education says chronic absenteeism is high in kindergarten, goes down in the early elementary years but goes up in middle and high school.

2/15 State education officials say Mississippi's high school graduation rate continues to climb. The 2016/2017 school year comes in with a rate of 83 percent – an all-time high. That's just one point lower than the national rate. The graduation rate also went up for students with disabilities.

2/16 One of the architects of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program is not happy with a Republican proposal to change the formula that decides how much money should go to local school districts. Senator Hob Bryan, a Democrat from Amory, contends school districts would lose money under the new formula. He adds the current formula is a political problem for GOP lawmakers since it has only been fully funded twice. Supporters of the new formula say it provides more reliable funding for K-12 education.

2/21 Commissioner of Higher Education Glenn Boyce has announced his intention to retire at the end of the current fiscal year. Boyce was named commissioner on April 17, 2015. Under his leadership, the university system has set record enrollments, has seen record numbers of degrees awarded, launched a statewide program to increase the number of degree holders in the state exponentially, worked to be

more responsive to the needs of business and industry and has streamlined operations to increase efficiencies.

2/26 Plenty of students did not show up for school in New Hope today because of a threat posted on social media. This threat came in the wake of the school shooting near Fort Lauderdale, Florida, that claimed 17 lives. The Lowndes County Sheriff's Department put extra deputies on all three county school campuses as a precaution. Law enforcement says there is no evidence that the threat was credible.

3/01 The state Senate has killed a rewrite of the funding formula for K-12 education. It was on a 27-21 vote this afternoon where some Republicans voted with Democrats. Proponents of the rewrite say the Mississippi Adequate Education Program doesn't fairly distribute money to school districts. Opponents say the new funding formula was based on bad data and had not been thoroughly considered.

3/14 Governor Phil Bryant says don't expect a special session of the Legislature to take up a rewrite of the K-12 funding formula. Bryant says there doesn't seem to be enough support to have that extra session. The governor does want the Legislature to look at boosting teacher pay in the 2019 legislative session, and he adds that planning for such a push has to begin now.

3/23 The state College Board has chosen Mississippi's first ever black commissioner of higher education. Alcorn State University President Alfred Rankins Junior was selected. Rankins will begin his new job July 1 and replaces Glenn Boyce, who announced last month his plans to retire.

3/23 Four bus drivers with the Coffeeville schools have walked off the job for more money and more respect. One school district employee says the lack of drivers is keeping other drivers on the road longer and making it later than normal for students to get home at the end of the school day. District Superintendent Vivian Robinson says the district will not tolerate behavior that affects educating students. Robinson says she wants the drivers to keep their jobs but is looking for more drivers.

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:

1/15 This is the second year that the local alumnae chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity partnered to provide a backpack refill for students at Lawhon Elementary in Tupelo. Members from both organizations donated money, which was used to purchase new notebooks, new pencils, new crayons and new backpacks. Counselors chose which students needed the new school supplies.

2/05 The engineers of tomorrow are shaped by creative thinking and learning how to work as a team. As part of the Mississippi First Lego League competition, students researched and developed a solution to water shortages. Students in the Starkville-Oktibbeha County School District participated as part of the district's growing robotics program.

2/12 Students at Lawhon Elementary in Tupelo are using dance to learn about other subjects. The Dance Exchange Troupe from Washington, D.C., spent two weeks working with several schools in the Tupelo Public School District. It's a part of the Link Centre's annual art residency program to help integrate all forms of art into the classrooms. Instructors take a text, and students come up with the movements to create the story concerning the subject they are learning.

3/20 Growing healthy kids is part of an initiative in the Tupelo public schools. One approach that's being taken is at Lawndale Elementary where the students have a greenhouse. The Sprout House, as it's referred to, gives students the opportunity to grow things and to learn about healthy eating. In one lesson, the students found out about seeds and how they travel. As part of the activity, students planted lettuce, purple cauliflower, kale and broccoli -- items that will be served in school salad bars.

3/26 Students at the high school in Red Bay, Alabama, have invented something that allows students who can't be in school to feel like they are still involved. They spent \$70 to have a remote-controlled robot call via Facetime to show students away from school what is happening in the classroom. Efforts are now underway to develop an app that can control the robot. The project has earned honors for the four students involved in creating it.

TOPIC

Economy

Program Title: WTVA 9 News on WLOV and WLOV 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:

1/09 Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves says things aren't so bad when it comes to Mississippi's economy and population growth. The Republican says he believes concerns about the state's population loss have been overstated and he's confident tax cuts would help create more jobs in the state. He also says increasing state revenue and a low unemployment rate show an improving state economy.

1/09 Some workers at American Furniture in Pontotoc County are back on the job after a fire last week destroyed the manufacturing plant. About 150 returned to work, but there are hundreds more waiting to hear what's next. Company officials say they are working on a plan to rebuild as quickly as possible and hope to have everyone come back very soon.

1/23 Kimberly-Clark has announced plans to cut about 13 percent of its workforce. This means about 5,000 jobs will be eliminated to reduce costs with declining sales. The company has a plant in Corinth, but it's not clear how the local plant will be affected by the cuts companywide. Kimberly-Clark makes Huggies diapers and Kleenex tissues.

1/23 Mississippi's unemployment rate fell to a historic low last month. The state's unemployment rate in December fell to 4.6 percent with the number of jobs in the state increasing by nearly 3,000. The same time last year was very similar with unemployment around 4.8 percent statewide.

2/09 Grenada County is about to get a check from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The area is getting a grant of about \$84,000 to help improve a local small business that will assist in creating several jobs. The money will also be used to help buy a backhoe and dump truck for the county.

2/13 A grant from the state of Alabama will help a Lamar County company expanded employment. Governor Kay Ivey announced the \$100,000 financial incentive to the town of Sulligent. The money will be used to repair the roof on a building owned by the Sulligent Industrial Development Board. The building will be leased by Hyster-Yale group. The company will use the 70,000 square foot building to house parts, materials and supplies.

3/14 Governor Phil Bryant has announced an expansion at the General Atomics plant near Shannon. 50 to 60 jobs will be added, and that will bring the overall workforce to approximately 300. The company produces airborne, maritime and land military lasers. General Atomics plans to have the positions filled by the end of the year. It will also build a new 128,000 square foot facility on the plant site.

3/15 The Toys 'R Us in Tupelo is one of 800 stores the chain plans to shut down due to financial problems. It's not clear just how many jobs locally will be lost because of the toy store chain's money woes. Liquidation will begin soon of the product on the store shelves.

3/21 A new piece of equipment is expected to bring more jobs to a plant in the Saltillo area. WestRock is installing a bigger machine that will allow the plant to turn out larger boxes. The company says the change will allow it to serve more customers and improve product quality. It will also add 25 jobs to the already 169 positions at the plant.

3/21 The West Point School District is cutting six jobs because of declining enrollment. The Daily Times Leader reports that the teachers who will be affected will be informed very soon, according to Superintendent Burnell McDonald. Getting rid of the jobs is expected to save the school district \$300,000.

3/23 The Community Development Foundation is pushing back on a New York Times article that included a look at the Tupelo economy. The article says the area has not rebounded from the job losses that came about with Chinese imports affecting local furniture manufacturers. CDF says the number of jobs locally is almost back to where it was in 2000. The economic development group adds that old data led to the reporting of a 20 percent drop in middle class incomes. CDF contend those incomes are actually up 20 percent.

Program Title: WTVA Job Fair (WTVA management provides services for WLOV)

Date: January 10, 2018

Time: 9am to 2pm

Duration: 5 hours

Detailed Description: WTVA produced and manned a job fair for all of north Mississippi and north Alabama. Held at the BancorpSouth Convention Center, the event drew 55 organizations and businesses who were looking to fill positions in the immediate future. Approximately 1100 job seekers came to the event and many found jobs because of this event. WTVA also was seeking to fill some open slots and management manned a booth to talk to candidates.

TOPIC

Weather

Program Title: WTVA 9 News on WLOV and WLOV News at 9

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 involving the weather:

1/01 The region experienced some of the coldest weather of winter. Because of temperatures forecast to drop into the single digits, the homeless shelter at The Salvation Army in Tupelo has extended

its hours to 24/7 instead of opening its doors at 5 p.m. The city of Tupelo is continuously updating its social media accounts to let residents know the very latest on the weather itself and what assistance is available for those dealing with the bitter cold.

1/02 The Columbus-Lowndes Emergency Management office says it will test storm warning sirens tomorrow at 10 a.m. The office is asking the public for help in monitoring the test. It wants people to alert the EMA office if a siren near where they live does not work during the test. The call should go to the EMA office and not to 911.

1/02 With temperatures well below freezing, Tupelo Water and Light gives some advice on how to keep pipes warm, so they don't burst and cause problems for homeowners as well as business owners. According to TW&L, let your faucet drip a small stream of water, open kitchen cabinets to expose your pipes to the heat, wrap any exposed pipes outside with insulation and don't leave a heater alone if you are using one to defrost a frozen pipe.

1/02 Frozen pipes will give students in Noxubee County at least one more day of vacation. According to Superintendent Roger Liddell, the extremely cold weather caused pipes to freeze at every school in the district. Officials had hoped the water pipes would thaw during the day. Liddell says since that didn't happen, the schools will remain closed until the water situation improves.

1/02 Starkville firefighters were called to respond to a weather-related problem at the Russell Street Flag Apartments. Some frozen pipes burst, and water could be seen falling from the third floor onto the street.

1/10 People are using their fireplaces more, especially with the threat of wintry precipitation for the area. A local fireplace dealer is advising people to be careful, so they avoid getting sick from the fumes that may come from the fireplace. The owner of Fireplace Creations in Saltillo says a lot of people don't realize how quickly carbon monoxide can become a problem if people don't use their fireplace correctly. Perry Bumpers says the fireplace should not be the main source of heat for the home.

1/16 Winter storm warnings are issued for areas including Oxford and Water Valley. The WTVA Severe Weather Authority says there could be 1 to 3 inches of snow in those areas. The remainder of the viewing area could get 1 to 2 inches in spots. With the threat of wintry precipitation, the station's meteorologists followed the precipitation on Storm Track Doppler Radar and provided updates on all newscasts. Alerts of the winter storm warnings were shown on screen during newscasts and during non-news related programming. Reporters did live reports from Corinth, Oxford and New Albany to show viewers what the weather was doing as the storm system passed through the area.

1/18 The Natchez Trace Parkway issues a warning for drivers during the threat of wintry precipitation. Rangers are asking those drivers to be cautious when heading north. No issues developed in the immediate area, however.

1/19 The Mississippi Highway Patrol was kept busy with this week's round of winter weather. Troopers investigated 236 crashes on Tuesday and Wednesday. They also responded to more than 600 calls for help on state and federal highways. The MHP says most of those calls were for vehicles sliding off roads, stranded drivers and disabled vehicles.

1/26 The Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District has decided to make up at least part of the days missed with the recent winter weather. Monday, February 19 was originally set aside as a day for parent/teacher conferences. However, it will now be a normal school day.

1/31 Lee County schools will use two of its snow days built into its calendar to make up for days missed due to recent winter weather. Instead of being off, students will be in class on Presidents Day, which is Monday, February 19. They will also be required to attend classes on Monday, April 2. That's the day after Easter.

2/17 With severe weather season approaching, emergency managers are reminding people to prepare a kit that can be grabbed in the event of a tornado. They say it should include supplies such as water, a flashlight and a first aid kit. They also advise people write down a plan for pets as well as a list of important numbers. Also advised is coordinating with neighbors on a safety plan for when severe weather strikes.

2/19 The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency has scheduled a statewide tornado drill for this Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. Schools and some area factories will participate by physically going through what people should do if there is a tornado threat. Lee County emergency management says it will use the drill to test the local siren system if there is no actual threat of severe weather at that time.

2/28 What should you do if you are caught away from home and you are threatened by a tornado? Experts advise you should pull over if you are in your car and take cover in a sturdy structure. This does not include a mobile home. You should avoid getting in a ditch to take cover or hiding in the corner under an overpass. Neither option is safe. The best advice is to plan ahead and try to avoid such situations.

3/09 A couple of storm sirens in New Albany are being replaced because they no longer work. Mayor Tim Kent says the sirens have been struck by lightning and have reached the point it was time to replace them. He says the order for parts has been made and it will take a couple of months for the work to be completed.

3/19 A line of storms moved through part of Northeast Mississippi during the afternoon, and it led to continuous coverage on the air by the WTVA Severe Weather Authority starting with our 4 p.m. news. Our entire newscasts were focused on weather, including our 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. newscasts. A small tornado did touch down near Belmont, and that same storm produced a tornado to the east in Russellville, Alabama. No injuries were reported in either one.

3/28 A tornado watch was issued for most of the viewing area that evening. The WTVA Severe Weather Authority interrupted programming before 8 p.m. for the first tornado warning and provided continuous coverage into our late-night newscasts. Our coverage included a live reporter in Eupora, one of the areas under a tornado warning. No widespread damage was reported, but there were some scattered instances of storm damage, such as trees knocked over and a roof taken off a mobile home.

TOPIC

Water Problems

Program Title: WTVA 9 News on WLOV and WLOV News at 9

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

Detailed Description: With plenty of rural water systems in our area, it is routine that boil water alerts have to be issued as a precaution just in case the drinking water is contaminated. This possibility comes about generally with a broken water line. Below are some of the instances where we told viewers about these boil water alerts:

1/01 People in parts of Macon and Brooksville are under a boil water alert until further notice. There's no word on what caused the alert or when it could be lifted. Those affected need to boil their water for at least one minute before using.

1/05 Schools will be back open tomorrow in Noxubee County after a water main break at all campuses. Classes were canceled yesterday and today because of the problem. However, the schools

will be under a boil water alert. District Superintendent Roger Liddell says students and teachers will be provided safe drinking water during this time.

1/05 Mississippi State University says Deavenport Hall and Dogwood Hall are open again after a water main break last Thursday forced the water to be turned off, so repairs could be made. However, those two residence halls along with the Montgomery Center for America's Veterans at Nusz Hall will remain under a boil water alert until the state health department determines the water in all three buildings is safe to drink.

1/06 Some people who get their water from Eupora are under a boil water alert. The mayor says there was a water line break and customers north of Legion Lake are under the alert. The water line has been repaired, and the boil water alert is just a precaution. The mayor expects that boil water alert to last 24 hours.

1/14 Certain water customers in Calhoun, Grenada and Yalobusha counties are being told to boil their water. That's because of a break in a water line belonging to Young's Water and Sewer. It's not clear how long the boil water alert will last, but customers who are affected are being told to boil their water for one minute before using it.

1/15 Around 40 people in the Vardaman area are being told to boil their water. This is for those who receive water from the Midway Water system. The boil water alert was issued Saturday because of water pressure loss due to a booster station malfunction. Those under the alert are being told to boil their water for one minute for use until the state determines the water is safe to drink again.

1/25 Some in Calhoun County are being advised to boil their water for one minute before use. A boil water alert has been issued for Slate Spring Water Association customers along Highway 9 between County Road 380 and 382 as well as on County Road 382. The alert also affects water customers along Highway 9 in Webster County.

1/27 A boil water alert is in effect for some in the Starkville area. This applies to customers of the Trim Cane Water Association. One of the main pipes has developed a leak, and the alert was issued because of possible water contamination. Those customers will need to boil their water for one minute before drinking.

2/09 The city of Oxford issues a precautionary boil water alert for all customers who get water from the city. This does not include the University of Mississippi. A broken water line is to blame. Water samples will be taken to the Mississippi State Department of Health for testing. However, those results may not come back until Tuesday. The boil water alert was lifted Sunday after it was determined the water was safe to drink.

2/14 Parts of Calhoun and Chickasaw counties are under a boil water alert. The Atlanta Water Association has placed customers west of Highway 341 and west of the Atlanta Fire Department under that alert. The association says problems with a well and with a water line led to the alert. The alert could last for four days.

2/14 Some people in Starkville are being told to boil their water for one minute before use. A water main break under South Montgomery Street at King Richard Road is the reason the city has issued a boil water alert. It's not known how long it will take before the state health department determines the water is safe to drink again along South Montgomery, Lincoln and Green streets and Locksley Way.

2/15 About 400 water customers of Caledonia are under a boil water alert. This affects those in the Cobbleston Subdivision as well as those along Wolfe Road and Buckeggar Road. There's no indication how long it'll take before the alert is lifted. Until then, people in that area are advised to boil their water for one minute before using it.

2/18 Customers of the Cadaretta Water Association in Horsepen Bottom along County Road 392 and James Road in Calhoun County are under a boil water alert. No reason was given as to what triggered this alert. Those affected are advised to boil their water for one minute before use.

2/22 Some in Webster County are still under a boil water alert. This is for customers of the Savannah Water Association. It will last until next Wednesday. There was a break in a water main, and the water association is working to repair it. Those affected by the alert are advised to boil their water for one minute before using it.

2/24 Some water customers in Itawamba County are being advised to boil their water for one minute before use. This is for certain people who get their water from the Northeast Itawamba Water Association. The alert is for those on Cotton Gin and Providence roads. The association says a broken water line triggered the alert.

3/02 Certain people in Tippah County find themselves under a boil water alert. Around 30 customers of the Dumas-Pine Grove Water Association who live on County Road 545 east of County Road 600, including County Road 547 and County Road 548, are affected. The alert was issued because of a loss of water pressure due to one or more breaks of water lines caused by the recent flooding.

3/07 A broken water line has led to a boil water alert for some people in Noxubee County. The alert is for those in Durroh Hill who get water from the Shuqualak-Butler Water Association. Customers under the alert are told to boil their water for one minute before using or consuming it.

3/15 A boil water alert is issued for some folks in Calhoun County. This is a precautionary alert to boil water for those who get their water from the Mount Comfort Water Association. No reason was given for the alert, but customers affected are being told to boil their water for one minute before using it.

Public Affairs Programming

Chasing the News

This weekly 30-minute program takes an in-depth look at some of the issues that affect our community. It usually includes interviews with newsmakers and with elected officials. The program airs at the following time on WLOV 27.1:

Saturday 930 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Below is a summary of what was covered in each program:

Economy

Date: 3/10/18-3/11/18

Detailed Description: Mayors from communities across Calhoun County came together for a roundtable discussion about issues they are facing. They say funding problems prevent Bruce, Calhoun City, Derma and Vardaman from making improvements that need to be done. However, volunteers are cited as one way those communities can make progress. Still, the mayors want more businesses, especially grocery stores, and more jobs.

Opioid Addiction

Date: 3/17/18

Detailed Description: This program took a closer look at the opioid epidemic. Interviewed was the medical director at Baptist Memorial Hospital – Golden Triangle. Dr. Keith McCoy discussed the hospital's policy change when it comes to prescribing opioid's in the emergency room. Physicians only prescribe a three-day supply of pain medications. There was also a story concerning a new study that

shows the number of pediatric intensive care admissions for opioid overdoses doubled between 2004 and 2015. It also found an estimated 2.6 million Americans have an opioid use disorder. The program also looked at efforts by law enforcement. The Drug Enforcement Administration says actions against doctors more than quintupled from 88 cases in 2011 to 479 cases in 2016.

Politics

Date: 3/24/18

Detailed Description: U.S. Senator Roger Wicker talked about the upcoming resignation of U.S. Senator Thad Cochran, gave his opinion about the recent tax cuts passed in Congress, discussed the efforts on the federal level to improve roads in Mississippi and shared his thoughts on what needs to be done to curb school violence in this country. Mississippi Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley talked about how solar power has grown in the state and what is being done to target telemarketers who are breaking the law by making calls to people who don't want them. The commissioner also discussed the effort by the PSC to get state contractors more business with public utilities.

Date: 3/31/18

Detailed Description: U.S. Senator Roger Wicker talked about his re-election campaign. He was originally expected to face a challenge in the GOP primary from state Senator Chris McDaniel, but McDaniel formally asked that his name be taken off the ballot. Instead, he is going to run in the November special election for the seat coming open with the resignation of U.S. Senator Thad Cochran. Cochran's final remarks on the floor of the U.S. Senate were aired. Also, the program looked at three prominent local Democrats looking at a possible run for Cochran's seat: Tupelo Mayor Jason Shelton, former state Representative Jamie Franks and Mississippi Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley.

Public Service Campaigns

TOPIC

Program Title: Opioid Addiction

Date: February 8, 2018 to March 30, 2018

Time: ROS

Duration: :15 and :30 second announcements

Detailed Description: WTVA on-air personalities, Craig Ford and Emily Leonard, leant their talents to the fight to end opioid addiction. The National Association of Broadcasters started a campaign with messages about the dangers of opioids and how to get help. WTVA customized these public service messages with the locally recognized on-air talent for maximum impact. WTVA provides talent services to WLOV.

National:

TOPIC

Presidential Politics

Program Title: WTVA 9 News on WLOV and WLOV News at 9

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

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

1/03 President Trump is taunting North Korean President Kim Jong Un, boasting he has a bigger and more powerful nuclear button than him. The taunt comes as relations between the two countries worsen. Earlier this week, Kim said he had a button for nuclear weapons on his table and the entire U.S. mainland is within striking distance. Trump does not really have a nuclear button, however. The process involves use of a nuclear football carried by a rotation of military officers.

1/04 President Trump's lawyer threatens legal action against former White House strategist Steve Bannon. It stems from what he describes as "disparaging statements" and "outright defamatory statements" in a new book. Attorney Charles Harder sent a letter to Bannon saying he breached his non-disclosure agreement by speaking with reporter Michael Wolff, the author of the new book. Bannon in the book calls a 2016 meeting between Trump officials and a Russian lawyer "treasonous" and "unpatriotic."

1/06 President Trump says he's open to talking to North Korea's leader and hopes some good can come from upcoming talks between North and South Korea cooperating for the Winter Olympics. He made the comments during a news conference at Camp David. Trump says he's interested in signing legislation protecting young people brought to this country illegally as children but not unless Congress agrees to overhaul the immigration system.

1/19 The Wall Street Journal reports an attorney for President Trump went to great lengths to keep an alleged sexual encounter between Trump and an adult film star quiet. According to the newspaper, attorney Michael Cohen set up a private company before the 2016 election. It then appears he used a bank account linked to it to send a payment of \$130,000 to the lawyer representing Stormy Daniels. Cohen has denied the allegation.

1/22 A brief federal government shutdown has ended with President Trump signing a funding bill that keeps the government going only for three weeks. Republicans have pledged to hold a broader immigration vote, including a resolution for young Dreamers by that time. If legislation is not passed, Democrats may hold the line on another short-term funding bill.

1/23 President Trump imposes two new tariffs in his first major trade decision of 2018. A 30 percent tax will be applied to solar panels while taxes on large residential washing machines will start at 20 percent. The measures come after the International Trade Commission said importing the goods has hurt American companies and follow the president's campaign promise to protect U.S. manufacturers.

1/30 President Trump focused on the state of the economy during this year's State of the Union address. He told Congress and the nation 2.4 million jobs have been created since his election and wages are going up. He emphasized the strength of the country and announced the signing of an executive order to keep the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay open.

2/06 The New York Times reports President Trump's lawyers do not want him to do an interview with the special counsel handling the Russia investigation. The White House won't confirm or deny, saying talks with the special counsel's office are private. If there's no interview, the special counsel could subpoena the president to testify before a grand jury.

2/13 President Trump met with a group of bipartisan lawmakers at the White House today to discuss possible trade sanctions on steel and aluminum imports. The president said his administration is

reviewing the reports of an investigation and they are considering all options. Trump said it's imperative for the U.S. to have a steel and aluminum industry. The administration has argued imposing tariffs on aluminum and steel imports could be a matter of national security.

2/27 President Trump told a White House meeting with the nation's governors he would have charged into the Florida school shooting unarmed, if necessary. The president repeatedly castigated the Broward County sheriff's deputies who responded to the school, saying they were "disgusting" by not acting more aggressively to stop the shooter. Trump vowed to eliminate bump stocks and divulged he met with National Rifle Association leaders over the weekend.

2/27 A tweet from President Trump late this afternoon says he is endorsing U.S. Senator Roger Wicker in his re-election bid. The endorsement is significant since Trump endorsed Wicker's challenger, state Senator Chris McDaniel, when he ran against U.S. Senator Thad Cochran in the 2014 GOP primary. The endorsement itself is not a surprise since Wicker supported Trump during the presidential campaign.

3/04 President Trump is threatening to slap new tariffs on European car imports. He tweeted Sunday morning, "If the EU wants to further increase their already massive tariffs and barriers on U.S. companies doing business there, we will simply apply a tax on their cars which freely pour into the U.S. They make it impossible for cars – and more – to sell there. Big trade imbalance." The tweet came after the EU threatened to retaliate if Trump imposes new tariffs on steel and aluminum.

3/07 Adult film star Stormy Daniels filed a lawsuit against President Trump. She contends the agreement reached before the presidential election to keep her quiet about their alleged sexual encounter was actually never signed by Trump, making the deal null and void. Daniels received \$130,000 to keep quiet, but her attorney says she wants the agreement torn up because she wants to go public.

3/08 President Trump has agreed to a meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un after receiving an invitation from him. A South Korean delegation came to the White House to deliver a letter from the North Korean leader. A senior U.S. official says North Korea also offered to suspend its nuclear missile testing alongside the invitation for talks.

3/12 President Trump will get the military parade that he wants, but no tanks will be allowed. The Pentagon says the parade will take place on Veterans Day, November 11th. The president's decision to have a military parade came after attending France's Bastille Day celebration last year. The Pentagon released a memo stating there will be a heavy air component and only wheeled vehicles. The route runs from the White House to the U.S. Capitol.

3/13 President Trump has made a change in his cabinet by getting rid of Rex Tillerson as secretary of state and moving CIA chief Mike Pompeo into the job. The announcement came this morning just hours after Tillerson returned from a trip to Africa. Pompeo will change jobs pending approval by the U.S. Senate.

3/20 President Trump congratulated Russian President Vladimir Putin on his election win. In addition, the two men discussed strategic stability, fighting international terrorism, reining in the arms race, Syria and Ukraine. They even talked about possibly holding high-level talks in the future. The Kremlin says the call came at the request of the U.S.

3/23 There's another shake-up in the president's cabinet. National Security Advisor H.R. McMaster is out, and former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton is in, effective April 9th. The Fox News commentator was ambassador in 2005 for about a year. Trump had been preparing to replace McMaster for weeks. The exit is the latest in a long line of departures from the White House.

3/23 President Trump has announced he has signed a \$1.3 trillion spending bill to fund the government just hours after threatening to veto it. However, he warned Congress he would never sign

another spending bill like this one. Trump blasted the bill as bloated with unnecessary domestic spending but said the \$695 billion for defense was critical for national security. He also expressed displeasure in not getting all of the \$25 billion he wanted for the border wall with Mexico.

TOPIC

School Shootings

Program Title: WTVA 9 News on WLOV and WLOV News at 9

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

Detailed Description: The country has been dealing with school shootings in recent years, and the latest one prompted a major outcry that calls on the federal government to act to prevent other shootings like that from happening again. Below are some of the stories we have run on those shootings and the reaction:

1/22 A 16-year-old is under arrest following a school shooting in Texas. The teen is accused of opening fire on students and teachers at Italy High School. Officials say it was chaotic at the beginning of the day when a 15-year-old girl was wounded. She was flown to a hospital for treatment. One student says when she arrived at school, she saw students running, climbing fences and speeding off in their cars. There's no word on a motive for the shooting.

1/23 A 15-year-old student is in custody after a shooting at a high school in Kentucky. It happened at Marshall County High School. Kentucky State Police say the scene is secure. However, two students died in the shooting. Hundreds of students ran for their lives as the teenager opened fire on them. Twelve other students were shot. Five others were hurt but not shot. At this point, police have not determined a motive for the shooting.

1/25 The suspected shooter at a Kentucky High School appeared in court. A judge in juvenile court found probable cause to detain the teen on preliminary charges of murder and assault. Authorities are gathering evidence to present the case to a grand jury. They hope to discover why the teen fired into a crowd of classmates. The students killed are identified as 15-year-olds Bailey Holt and Preston Cope.

1/26 There were some scary moments when gunfire erupted at an Alabama high school. Mobile police arrested a Murphy High School student for firing a gun on campus. The 16-year-old male student fired multiple shots at the victim, another 16-year-old male student, after the two argued. No one was hurt.

1/26 Classes have resumed for students and faculty at Marshall County High School in Kentucky. Flags are still at half-staff at the school where a student opened fire on Tuesday killing two and injuring 16. Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin signed a proclamation designating this coming Sunday as a day of prayer. The governor said he is proud of the community and urged people to pray for the families and the victims of the shooting.

1/29 The Daily Times Leader newspaper in West Point reports the Kentucky high school shooter used to live in the Golden Triangle and his mother worked at a couple of local newspapers. At the moment, the suspect is not charged as an adult, so we are not releasing his name. However, prosecutors in Kentucky say the teenager could be charged as an adult sometime this week.

2/01 A middle school in Los Angeles is placed on lockdown after a shooting. It happened in one of the classrooms at Sal Castro Middle School. Several people were hurt, including a 15-year-old boy who's in critical condition with a gunshot wound. A 15-year-old girl is in fair condition with a gunshot wound.

Three other people ages 11 to 30 suffered minor scrapes and bruises. The suspect is identified as a 12-year-old girl.

2/09 A 17-year-old student is in critical condition after being shot Friday afternoon outside a Nashville high school. The shooting occurred shortly after Pearl-Cohn High School dismissed for the day. Students were already leaving the building when the shooting happened. Family members of the victim say he was shot five times. No arrests have been made so far.

2/14 Seventeen people are dead after a school shooting in South Florida, which led to us carrying continuing breaking news coverage from the networks. Law enforcement has a suspect in custody. He is identified as 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz, who is a former student at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland where the shooting happened. Investigators are working to determine a motive. The high school will be closed the rest of the week, and the state will pay for the funerals of the victims and provide free counseling for those who need it.

2/15 More information comes out about the suspect in the South Florida school shooting. Police say Nikolas Cruz tried to mix in with the crowd to escape arrest but was caught about a mile and a half away from the school. He was armed with an AR-15 semiautomatic rifle and multiple magazines. School officials say Cruz had been expelled from the school for disciplinary reasons and was enrolled at another school in the district.

2/15 A local superintendent of education shares his thoughts after the school shooting in South Florida. Brock Puckett heads the school system in Pontotoc County. He says he tells parents the district is doing everything possible to keep children safe. That includes locking all exterior doors except at certain entrances and using badges to identify who belongs on a school campus. However, Puckett adds many school buildings were built 40 to 50 years ago and they have too many outside doors.

2/16 The suspect in the South Florida school shooting makes his first court appearance. Nikolas Cruz is charged with 17 counts of premeditated murder. A judge denied bond for him. Law enforcement says he took an Uber to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School where he carried out the attack.

2/17 A gun control rally was held in Fort Lauderdale in the wake of the school shooting in South Florida that killed 17 people. It started with a moment of silence for the victims. Organizers of the rally called for what they described as sensible gun safety laws. They want a ban on assault weapons, background checks at gun shows and a national gun registry.

2/18 A funeral was held for one of the victims in the South Florida school massacre. Pallbearers carried the casket of Alex Schachter to a hearse in Coral Springs as heartbroken relatives and friends hugged one another, offering comfort. Those who knew him called Alex a "sweetheart" who loved playing the trombone and being in the marching band.

2/19 Parents held signs and chanted "change" and "action now" as they filled a park in Parkland, Florida, Sunday to rally for gun control laws. They were doing that in response to last week's school shooting that left 17 people dead. Teenagers shouted in anger about divisiveness in the nation's capital and pleaded with lawmakers for unity and purpose for a common goal.

2/19 A 15-year-old boy now faces adult charges in connection with the Kentucky high school shooting that left two students dead. Gabriel Parker is charged with two counts of murder and 14 counts of first-degree assault. A judge set bond for Parker at \$1.5 million. His next scheduled court appearance is for August 3rd.

2/19 A group of gun control advocates spent Presidents Day protesting in front of the White House. The teens from the D.C. area staged a lie-in in support of the 17 people who died in the South Florida school shooting. Since last week's shooting, many students across the country have become vocal advocates for changes to curb gun violence in America.

2/21 President Trump held a listening session at the White House with people affected by the South Florida school shooting that left 17 people dead. Also, in attendance were parents of students killed in the Columbine and Sandy Hook school shootings. He heard wrenching, heartbreaking stories of those who lost children, parents and friends in the gun attacks.

2/22 Teachers and staff will be returning to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School for the first time after the mass shooting. A temporary fence surrounds the freshman building where the 17 victims were killed. Meanwhile, a Broward County, Florida, sheriff's deputy has resigned because he waited outside for about four minutes instead of going inside the school to deal with the killer.

2/22 Across the country, people have proposed allowing teachers to carry guns to prevent school shootings. That is already happening in Franklin County, Alabama, where the Legislature gave approval for teachers in Russellville and the county schools to do just that. This came after the Sandy Hook school shooting. Educators must go through mental evaluations and gun training. The school board and sheriff must approve each teacher to be armed.

2/25 Students returned to the South Florida school where a mass shooting happened to attend a voluntary orientation. Classes will resume on Wednesday for a half day. Counselors and therapy dogs were on hand to help the students deal with what had happened. Some students had a chance to retrieve their belongings they left behind when the shooting happened on Valentine's Day.

2/26 Nearly 20 companies have ended partnerships with the National Rifle Association since the school shooting in South Florida. They include Hertz, Avis, Best Western, United and Delta. The NRA has pushed back aggressively, calling the departure of its corporate partners a shameful display of political and civic cowardice.

3/02 Police say two people who are not students have been fatally shot at a residence hall at Central Michigan University. Campus officers say they believe the shooting started from a domestic situation. A 19-year-old suspect is being sought, and he is described as armed and dangerous. The university urged students to take shelter and told parents not to come on campus.

3/06 Alabama Governor Kay Ivey announces a new school safety initiative. She calls on state lawmakers to get behind a bill to provide more funding for school security. Ivey says they need to enable schools to better identify threats and ask schools to standardize how they respond to emergency situations. The governor, a former teacher, is not endorsing the idea of arming some teachers.

3/07 A student at a school in Birmingham has died after she was shot. It happened right after students at Huffman High School were dismissed for the day. Police are trying to figure out if the shooting was an accident or intentional. The shooting prompted a brief lockdown at the school. One day later, a person of interest was identified. The victim was identified as 17-year-old Courtlin Arrington, a senior who had plans to become a nurse. A male student was injured in the shooting.

3/08 School administrators met with Birmingham's interim police chief to prepare for students returning to classes at Huffman High School after a fatal shooting. They worked on a comprehensive safety plan for Friday's return. It includes more school resource officers and additional patrols inside and outside the school. This is the second shooting at the school in the last two years.

3/09 Charges have been filed against the accused school shooter in Birmingham. He is identified as 17-year-old Michael Barber. He faces a manslaughter and a firearm charge in the killing of a 17-year-old girl. A judge set bond for Barber at more than \$75,000.

3/12 The Trump administration has announced some school safety plans following the South Florida school shooting. They include training teachers to carry guns in schools, improve federal background check systems and give states money to develop plans to counter school violence. The administration is also creating a commission on school violence that will be headed by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

3/14 Thousands of students across the country walked out of schools today on the one-month anniversary of the South Florida school shooting to join in solidarity and demand action to curb gun violence. More than 3,000 walkouts were planned around the world. Students left class at 10 a.m. for 17 minutes – one minute for each of the victims in the Parkland school shooting.

3/20 A male student in Maryland is dead after law enforcement said he pulled a gun on another student and shot her. A school resource officer at Great Mills High School approximately 60 miles from Washington, DC, shot and killed the student who opened fire. The shooter is identified as 17-year-old Austin Rollins. Two students were wounded in the shooting – a 16-year-old girl and a 14-year-old boy.

3/24 People across the country came together to rally for action to stop gun violence. Thousands upon thousands not only gathered in the nation's capital but in communities across the country. Among those leading the effort were the student survivors of the shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida, where 17 people died. Some compared the March for Our Lives to the protests during the Vietnam era 50 years ago.