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All 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 wtva.com, on the WTVA 9 News app, on Facebook and on Twitter.

- Mississippi elections
- Water quality
- Weather
- Alcohol sales
- Education
- Vaping
- Workforce development
- Crime

Local:

TOPIC

Mississippi elections

Program Title: WTVA 9 News on WLOV (This program is produced for WLOV by WTVA under a JSSA)

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Detailed Description: Multiple state and county offices went up for grabs before voters in Mississippi. The biggest race on the ballot was for governor where Republican Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves squared off against Democratic Attorney General Jim Hood to decide who would replace popular Republican incumbent Phil Bryant. In the end, Reeves defeated Hood to take the state's top elected political position. Our coverage of that race and others culminated with election results during primetime programming and during our evening newscasts as well as live coverage of speeches by both candidates. Among the stories we aired:

10/2 President Trump announced his endorsement of Tate Reeves in the race for governor. Trump tweeted the upcoming governor's election is very important and needs you to "get out and vote for our great Republican nominee Tate Reeves." The president added that Democrat Jim Hood "is anti-Trump and pro-crooked Hillary."

10/2 The attorney general's office looked into whether there was any wrongdoing in trying to get a \$2 million access road built from a shopping center in suburban Jackson to the subdivision where Republican Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves lives. Now, Democrat Jim Hood is featuring that proposed road in his statewide television commercials in his campaign for governor.

10/4 Democrat Jim Hood responded to President Trump's endorsement of Republican Tate Reeves in the race for governor. Hood issued a statement saying he will work with the president on infrastructure, vaping and other issues that help Mississippi.

10/10 Mississippi's Republican lieutenant governor and Democratic attorney general are debating teacher pay raise plans, road building and health care as they clash for the first time in the governor's race. Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves and Attorney General Jim Hood met Thursday at the University of Southern Mississippi in a debate sponsored by Jackson television station WJTV. Hood argues Reeves had his chance to make improvements during his eight years as lieutenant governor and that voters shouldn't let him stay in office. Reeves says he's pushing feasible plans and Hood wants to raise taxes.

10/16 Republican Tate Reeves is running a statewide campaign commercial for governor where he is promoting that he will raise teacher pay. However, some are critical of the commercial because it was shot at New Summit School. That is a private school in Jackson founded by a campaign donor of the GOP nominee.

10/17 Democrat Jim Hood and Republican Tate Reeves are becoming more combative in the final weeks before the November 5 election. Hood said Wednesday Reeves helped enact law that expand companies' abilities to offer high interest loans. He said Reeves received campaign contributions from people who work for payday lenders. Meanwhile, Reeves said Hood hired private attorneys to represent the state in lawsuits and then received campaign contributions from them.

10/18 President Trump's campaign announced he will visit Tupelo November 1 at 7 pm to hold a rally at the BancorpSouth Arena on the Friday before the gubernatorial election. GOP gubernatorial candidate Tate Reeves is expected to be at that rally, and the president endorsed him in the race for Mississippi governor.

10/23 A new poll out on the governor's gives Republican nominee a slight lead over the Democratic candidate. Mason-Dixon Research showed Tate Reeves with 46 percent of support from likely voters who were asked while Jim Hood got 43 percent. The survey also found 2 percent support other candidates and 9 percent are still undecided.

10/24 Jim Hood and Tate Reeves held separate news conference to bicker over state tax policy. Each accused the other of wanting state government to dig deeper into people's wallets. Reeves said he stands by his own record of pushing lawmakers to phase out the franchise tax. Hood said the franchise tax cut helps out-of-state corporations but not working people.

10/25 Donald Trump Junior came to Oxford to campaign on behalf of Republican Tate Reeves in the race for governor. The two spoke to a crowd at the Good Ole Boys and Gals Barbecue event, but news cameras were not allowed in the event. Earlier in the day, the two attended a private event in Hattiesburg. Tickets to that event were \$500 each.

10/28 Vice President Pence will visit Mississippi to campaign on behalf of Republican Tate Reeves in his race for governor. He will make an appearance in Gulfport on the day before the gubernatorial election. His visit will be just a few days after President Trump makes an appearance in Tupelo that is expected to help the GOP nominee.

10/30 Less than a week before the gubernatorial election, The Clarion Ledger reported Attorney General Jim Hood raised more money than Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves thanks to some big checks from a national group. Hood got \$1.35 million in donations from a single national political action committee. However, campaign finance reports revealed Reeves spent more than \$11 million this year compared to the \$5.2 million Hood spent.

11/1 President Donald Trump lashed out at Democrats for a vote this week formalizing the House impeachment inquiry as he urged rallygoers in Tupelo to send a message to Washington by voting Republican in the state's upcoming gubernatorial race. Trump was in Mississippi trying to shore up support for Republican Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves, who is locked in a tight race to replace term-limited Republican Governor Phil Bryant in next week's off-year election. The race between Reeves and Democratic Attorney General Jim Hood for the open seat is considered the state's toughest governor's race in nearly a generation.

11/1 Attorney General Jim Hood appeared in Tupelo on the same day President Trump visited the city. He met with reporters downtown and welcomed the Republican commander-in-chief to the Magnolia

State. Instead of criticizing him like other Democrats nationally have, Hood put his focus on the race for governor, saying people are sick of the partisanship. He said the people of Mississippi just want someone who will govern.

11/5 Republicans are keeping their hold on the governorship in Mississippi, despite facing the best-funded Democrat to run for the position in more than a decade. Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves defeated Democratic Attorney General Jim Hood and two candidates who ran low-budget campaigns. Reeves will succeed Governor Phil Bryant, who is limited by state law to two terms. President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence both traveled to Mississippi to campaign on behalf of Reeves.

11/11 A former Mississippi Republican Party chairman will lead the transition team for Governor-elect Tate Reeves. Brad White will step down as chief of staff for U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith to help Reeves as he becomes the top elected official in the Magnolia State. Reeves will be sworn in January 14, and planning is already underway for his inauguration.

11/19 Mississippi Governor-elect Tate Reeves is hiring. He is looking for members to serve on his transition team and beyond. Reeves is launching a web portal for anyone interested in public service. Reeves said there is a need for hundreds of people to serve in various capacities across the state. He is encouraging applicants to upload their resumes.

12/9 Mississippi's new governor was elected to serve everyone, but not just anyone will be allowed into some of the events celebrating his inauguration. The inaugural committee for Republican Tate Reeves sent out a list of events that are open to the public. The committee's website also shows that it is seeking sponsorships of \$5,000 to \$250,000, and that those donors will have access to private events before or on inauguration day, which is January 14.

TOPIC

Water quality and service

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Detailed Description: The quality of drinking water continues to be an issue for some residents of Northeast Mississippi. We provide a valuable community service by airing boil water alerts by the state for water systems facing the threat of contamination of the water supply. The biggest story locally came from one community where city leaders decided to switch the source of its municipal water. Here are some of the stories we have covered on the topic:

10/4 If you live in Monroe County, you might want to hear about this precautionary boil water alert issued for the area. It's for those who get water from the town of Smithville who live on Gap Road, Dean Road, Pecan Road, Gravel Springs Road, Forrester Lane, Bars Ferry Road, Davis Road, Marina Trail, Caldwell Road, Waterway Block B Road, Smithville Road, McCool Road and Highway 25. This

precautionary boil water alert is due to pressure loss to at least one water line break. The water was determined safe to drink on October 8.

10/11 Folks in Grenada County need to be aware of a boil water alert. This is for the nearly 2,000 customers of the Grenada County Water System – Girl Scout. This alert was issued due to a systemwide water pressure loss following one or more water line breaks. Customers are advised to boil their water for at least one minute before drinking or using it. The boil water alert was lifted on October 16.

10/15 In Tishomingo County, there's a boil water alert we need to tell you about. It affects more than 700 customers of the Walker Switch Water Association. The boil water alert is due to a systemwide pressure loss because of at least one water line break. Customers under the alert are advised to boil their water for at least one minute before drinking or using it.

10/17 A majority of those who live in Ecpu are under a boil water alert. The town issued the alert for its 800 customers because of a broken water line. The move is made as a precaution by water systems when a broken line causes a loss in water pressure. Those who get water from Ecpu are advised to boil their water for one minute before using it. That alert will be lifted when the water is tested to make sure it is safe. The alert was lifted on October 19.

10/21 A boil water alert has been issued for the Wheeler Frankstown Water Association in Prentiss County. About 150 customers in the Pratts area are affected. The alert is due to the loss of water pressure caused by at least one break in a water line. Customers under the alert are advised to boil their water for at least one minute before drinking or using it. The alert was lifted on October 25.

10/28 Some people who get their water from the North Lee County Water Association are now under a boil water alert. It applies to those who live on County Road 885 from County Road 821 to County Road 1634 and those who live on County Road 931 from County Road 885 to County Road 1732. Customers under the alert are advised to boil their water for at least one minute before drinking or using it.

11/9 People in the Nettleton area may need to boil their water. An emergency water line repair caused customers of the Cason Water Association to go under a precautionary boil water alert. This affects those who live or work on Pennington Lake, Wiygul Road, North Ritter Road, MTD, Carolina Road, Old Carolina Road, Oliver Road, Goodwin Drive, Deer Hill Drive, Carolina and Van Buren Road, Lost Corner Road and Dozier Road. Customers under the alert are advised to boil their water for at least one minute before drinking or using it.

11/11 The town of Golden issued a precautionary boil water alert for people on several roads. This applies to those who live or work on Ridge Road, Jericho Road, Smith Lane, County Road 78 and Chicken House Road. The town said the move was made because of routine maintenance. Customers under the alert are advised to boil their water for at least one minute before drinking or using it.

11/13 The city of Aberdeen posted a notice about flushing water lines this month. The city set November 21 to begin the process of flushing the entire water system to clear any sediment and debris. Customers may experience a temporary drop in water pressure or draw some discolored water for a short period of time. There should be no interruptions in water service during the work.

11/18 If you live in Oxford, you could see some brown water. According to the city utilities department, the fire department is flushing and pressure testing water hydrants on F.D. Buddy East Parkway this morning. This could cause brown water issues on University Avenue, Brittany Woods and Oxford Commons.

11/19 Saltillo Mayor Rex Smith said the city will make the switch from well water to surface water around December 2. He made the announcement in a Facebook post. Customers have complained about the well water that was the source of the city's water supply with some saying it was dirty when it came through the tap. Those complaints prompted the city to move to buy water from the Northeast Mississippi Regional Water Supply District, which gets water from the Tombigbee River. The mayor said during the change the city will flush out the well water.

11/20 The City Point Water System in Lee County began flushing its system, and it advises customers to check their water before washing their clothes. The flushing of the water system will run through Friday. Crews started at the south end of Highway 6 and will work their way north.

11/20 Tupelo Water and Light will soon have a more efficient way of reading their customers' meters. The utility will add an automatic meter reading system. It will transmit the meter numbers back to headquarters and will get rid of meter readers coming to homes and businesses. It will also detect issues like water leaks and other problems. TW&L said the system will not lead to any big price changes to customers' water bills.

12/31 There is a boil water alert for some who live on the north side of Lee County. It applies to customers who live on County Roads 833, 601, 651, 503 and 772. It also applies to those living on Highway 348 from the Guntown city limits to County Road 541 and for those living on Euclatubba Road. The alert is due to a water line break. Customers under the alert are advised to boil their water for at least one minute before drinking or using it.

TOPIC

Weather

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Detailed Description: Severe storms and winter weather grab the attention of people across the area considering how that directly affects their lives, and there were some instances where we had to provide additional coverage of these events. There also has been coverage of the aftermath of storms in previous quarters that carried over to the current quarter. Below are just some of the stories we aired on this topic:

10/8 The Federal Emergency Management Agency is reminding those with storm damage that the agency can help. Residents and business owners in Clay, Monroe and Lowndes counties affected by the severe weather during February and March can now apply for individual, unemployment and business

assistance. The agency said there are several ways to register for assistance and can even send someone out to get information to help you apply.

10/21 The Federal Emergency Management Agency is changing its hours in Lowndes County before it closes permanently next Thursday. The Recovery Center will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. After October 31, you will be able to get help online or over the phone. The last day to apply for FEMA disaster assistance is November 19. That applies to both homeowners and renters with storm and flood damaged property in Clay, Lowndes and Monroe counties.

10/26 Widespread damage was observed as the remnants of Tropical Storm Olga lifted through the region. Multiple structures were damaged as well as countless trees and powerlines were downed. As Olga's remnants moved in, sustained winds of 30-40 mph were reported at several places for up to an hour as the storm passed over. The first instance of damage occurred near Houston where tree damage was observed across Chickasaw County. Widespread damage continued along a north-northeast track for nearly 150 miles. Some of the most impressive winds were recorded at Tupelo Municipal Airport. Multiple wind gusts of 50-70 mph occurred for nearly 45 minutes as Olga moved through. The circulation maintained its intensity as it tracked north into Corinth.

10/26 Tupelo Mayor Jason Shelton went to the hospital for treatment after a tree fell on his house during the bad weather. City officials say the mayor was trapped for a short time. His wife was also in the home but wasn't hurt. Meanwhile, a wall at the old Tupelo Automobile Museum came crashing down because of the strong wind. Several buildings around Green and South Gloster streets had damage. The metal roof on Fire Station 5 came off and landed on a car. The powerful winds also caused damage at Thomas Street Elementary school.

10/27 With many homes damaged and in need of repairs, Eight Days of Hope is asking people with chainsaws and tarps to help clean up following Tropical Storm Olga. Organizers are asking volunteers to meet between 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. at the organization's national headquarters in Pontotoc County. Another meeting will take place for volunteers at 2 p.m. for those wanting to help after church. Those who come will then spread out throughout the damaged areas locally to help with the storm recovery.

10/28 Power outages are a problem in the days after Tropical Storm Olga pushed through the area. At the height of the power outages, Tombigbee Electric Power Association peaked with more than 19,000 customers without power. That number was sharply cut to 1,500 on Monday and 200 on Tuesday. At the peak of power outages in the county, the Alcorn County Electric Power Association reported 16,000 people were without power. The Prentiss County Electric Power Association started Monday with approximately 700 customers without power. That number shrunk to approximately 300 customers on Monday afternoon. Internet and cable providers are also making repairs and restoring services to their customers.

11/4 More than a week after Tropical Storm Olga left widespread debris and damage in north Mississippi, the cleanup continues in one of the hardest-hit areas – Alcorn County. Stacey Stone said the ice storm in 1994 didn't cause nearly as much damage as Olga did. With downed trees nearby, Stone has been offering his help to many of his friends and neighbors. Even this far along, there are under 50 residents still without electricity. Alcorn County Electric Power Association general manager Sean

McGrath said some residents were out of town when the storm hit and are just getting back to realize they don't have power. He said some residents still need to make repairs before power be reconnected.

12/16 At least five tornadoes touched down in northeast Mississippi on Monday, including an EF-1 tornado in Union County that had top winds of 90 mph. One injury was reported in the Alpine community of Union County. An EF-2 tornado struck Lee County with max winds of 115 mph. It destroyed homes and a church in Guntown. Mayor Bud Herring said the amount of support the town has received is overwhelming. A weak EF-0 tornado hit northeast Lee County, just north of the Natchez Trace Parkway. Meteorologists from the National Weather Service in Memphis also found EF-1 tornado damage in Tishomingo as well as EF-0 tornado damage near New Site. The WTVA Severe Weather Authority interrupted regular programming and newscasts at the following times to alert viewers to the tornadoes on WLOV - 2:53pm - 4:42pm

12/17 According to state Sen. Chad McMahan, 35 homes were severely damaged on Colt Lane in Guntown, and one church was destroyed. The church building was unoccupied, according to his understanding. Guntown police and Mayor Bud Herring have issued a 12-hour curfew for the area of the Guntown Hills subdivision, specifically Colt Lane, Benelli Drive and Ruger Drive. According to Chief Michael Hall, there are triple the number of officers patrolling the neighborhood of Guntown Hills. They are helping keep residents safe from looters. Hall hopes to be down to one patrol by Monday. People can drop off donations at Guntown City Hall to help storm victims. According to the city, food, drinks, clothes, baby items, gift cards and non-perishable food items are welcome.

12/19 Governor Phil Bryant declared a state of emergency in the wake of the tornadoes that touched down across Mississippi. The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency reported 37 homes damaged in Lee County, 13 homes and three businesses damaged in Tishomingo County and 12 homes damaged in Union County. However, the worst damage appears to be in the southern part of the state. Jones County had more than 200 homes and 25 businesses damaged by an EF-3 tornado. Next was Smith County with 100

12/29 Severe storms made their way across the Magnolia State, prompting tornado warnings in multiple counties across Northeast Mississippi. Power outages were reported in the southern part of the viewing area. One-inch tree limbs were broken in Oktibbeha County near Clayton Village. A tornado touched down in the McCool area of Attala County, leaving behind damage. The WTVA Severe Weather Authority interrupted regular programming at the following times to share with viewers where the severe storms were and to explain that strong straight-line winds could be just as damaging as a tornado: WLOV 4:11 pm-4:13 pm, 4:20 pm-4:22 pm, 4:28 pm-4:31 pm, 4:37 pm-4:39 pm, 4:53 pm-4:55 pm and 5:12 pm-5:15 pm

TOPIC

Alcohol sales

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Detailed Description: A major change came in some local communities concerning sales of alcohol. Multiple communities held referendums during the year on whether those sales should be allowed, and all of them ended with alcohol being legalized. Our coverage not only included the voting but how those cities planned to implement what some just a few years ago would have been considered unthinkable. We also looked at sales beginning at one local university's athletic events. Following is a sample of the stories we aired on the subject:

10/4 In Booneville, absentee voting is underway for the city's alcohol referendum. October 15 is the date for voters to decide whether to legalize those sales. The vote will be on two things: one is whether to legalize beer and light wine sales, the other will be whether to legalize the sales of liquor. Nearly 1,000 signatures were collected earlier this year to force a public vote.

10/14 People in Booneville have different opinions concerning the upcoming vote on whether to legalize alcohol sales. Lisa Thompson is opposed to allowing those sales. She is concerned that alcohol would pose a danger to students at Northeast Mississippi Community College who walk in town. On the other side of the argument is the group Moving Booneville Forward. It sees legalization as a way to generate revenue for the community. The group's C.J. McCoy is optimistic that both alcohol proposals will pass.

10/15 Voters in Booneville overwhelmingly passed legalizing alcohol sales. In a record turnout for voting in the city, the beer and light wine proposal won 1,264 to 724 while liquor sales won 1,242 to 754. At this time, it is not clear when those sales will start. City leaders must come up with an ordinance before the sales start.

10/16 Booneville Mayor Chris Lindley laid out how city leaders will move forward with allowing beer, light wine and liquor to be sold within the city limits. He said aldermen will look at how those sales should be regulated and publicize that for two weeks. Then, the city will listen to what citizens want included before drawing up ordinances to be voted upon. The mayor added nothing can really be done until the election is certified. However, he expects such sales to start no earlier than December 1.

10/18 The first shipment of beer was delivered to Vaught-Hemingway Stadium Thursday in advance of the first alcohol sales at Ole Miss athletic events. It will happen Saturday during the Texas A&M football game and will continue for home basketball and baseball games. As for football, sales will begin two hours prior to kickoff and end after the third quarter. Sales are prohibited to anyone under the age of 21.

10/25 Baptist leaders in Amory hope to avoid any new effort to bring alcohol sales to the city. It was a close vote in 2014 with more than 2,000 voters going to the polls. Beer and liquor sales were each defeated by under 100 votes. Following recent votes in Booneville and other local communities, members of the Monroe County Baptist Association posted in the local newspaper a resolution they passed in 2014 after the last attempt to change the city's alcohol laws. It expressed opposition to any attempt to sale, transport, store, or manufacture alcohol in the city.

11/6 Amory voters will soon have a chance to decide the fate of alcohol sales in the city. Twenty percent of registered Amory voters signed a petition to put the sale of alcohol to a vote. According to state law, the Board of Aldermen had to select a date to put the matter to a vote. The City of Amory will hold a special election on December 10. There are two propositions on the ballot. One proposition is for

the sale of beer and light wine. The second proposition is for alcohol. Amory voters did not approve the sale of alcohol in a 2014 vote. In order to vote in the special election, you must be registered as an active and qualified voter in Amory.

12/4 In less than a week, Amory voters will decide the future of alcohol sales in the town. In the December 10 special election, voters will either approve or vote against alcohol sales. Amory is currently “dry,” meaning the sale of alcohol is prohibited in the town. Justin Myers has been the head preacher at First Assembly of God for four years. He said Amory doesn’t need it. Carla Glasgow is the owner of Shelter Insurance on Main Street, and she supports the sale of alcohol. Signs for and against the sale of alcohol can be seen across Amory. Many businesses have voiced their votes with signs.

12/9 The group Better Amory Now hosted a prayer walk on Monday afternoon ahead of Tuesday’s vote on alcohol sales. There are two propositions on the December 10 ballot. One proposition is for the sale of beer and light wine. The second proposition is for the sale of liquor. In order to vote in the special election, voters must be registered as active and qualified voters in Amory. The voting will take place Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All wards will go to the Old National Guard Armory on South 9th Street to place their votes.

12/10 Amory voters said “yes” to alcohol sales in the city. Unofficial results show beer and light wine sales passing 1,353 to 808. Liquor sales passed 1,343 to 849. City Clerk Jamie Morgan said 44.8 percent of the voters turned out, nearly double of 2014’s election. The next step for the process is for the city to amend the law. Morgan said it could be two months, at earliest, for beer to hit the city’s shelves.

12/11 On Tuesday, voters in Amory passed two referendums involving the sale of beer and liquor within the city limits. City Clerk Jamie Morgan said the referendums will now go to the Board of Aldermen for the city. Aldermen will then turn it into a city ordinance and vote on it. Afterward, the ordinance will be advertised in the local newspaper, and city leaders will have to wait 30 days before the law takes effect. Morgan estimates the process to be approximately two months, which would be around mid-February. Businesses interested will need to purchase a liquor license.

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Education

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Detailed Description: A major factor in quality of life for local communities is how well the local schools perform in educating children. However, our coverage was not just limited to elementary and secondary education. The hiring of a new leader for one of the state universities generated a lot of coverage because of what came out of the search. Here is a list of some of our stories regarding this subject on both ends of the spectrum:

10/1 Fifteen candidates are part of the search for a new superintendent for the public schools in Lowndes County. The Commercial Dispatch reported all 15 met the minimum requirements. Eleven are

from Mississippi with each of the remaining from Alabama, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The current superintendent, Lynn Wright, is one of the candidates.

10/3 The Tupelo Public School District announced that it will renovate the inside of Church Street Elementary School which closed in 2011. The district will move a lot of the central staff from its current location on South Green Street. In addition, the district will work on reinforcing the roof, installing carpet and establishing a museum of Tupelo Schools.

10/4 Extra officers will be on hand at Alcorn Central High School. The sheriff's office said it was alerted to a possible threat for today. Deputies investigated and they believe the threat is not credible. Still, the sheriff's office said the extra officers will be on campus as a precaution.

10/4 Mississippi's former higher education commissioner was named the next chancellor of the University of Mississippi on Friday in a choice that was made public via a news release after an announcement ceremony was thwarted by student protesters' cries of "Shame! Shame! Shame!" Glenn Boyce's appointment was supposed to be revealed at an on-campus hotel ballroom in Oxford, but protesters outraged over a lack of campus input refused to be silent. Boyce was earlier hired by the university's private foundation to meet with influential individuals about the search, telling reporters Friday on a conference call that he was paid about \$87,000. Boyce denied then he was seeking the job. He said Friday he wanted to let the search play out, but trustee Ford Dye said Boyce's name repeatedly surfaced.

10/23 Some Mississippi schools will soon get federal funding to improve security thanks to grants from the U.S. Department of Justice. The department announced it awarded more than \$85.3 million in grants to improve school security among faculty and students as well as supporting first responders. More than \$500,000 will go to schools in Mississippi. The money can be used for anything from educational programs to additional security cameras.

10/30 Mississippi is the only state in the nation to show significant increases in three of the four core subjects in the National Assessment of Educational Progress for 2019. Nationally, scores for most subjects dropped or remained flat from 2017 to 2019. For the first time, Mississippi 4th graders scored higher than the nation's public school average in mathematics and tied the nation in reading.

11/11 The Lowndes County School Board narrowed its list to three finalists for the superintendent's job, and the current superintendent did not make the cut, according to The Commercial Dispatch newspaper. Lynn Wright is the last elected leader for the district. The Mississippi Legislature voted to get rid of elected superintendents, making all of them appointed positions. Whoever gets the job will take over the district in January.

11/19 The Lowndes County School Board decided to choose a familiar face to lead the school district in 2020. New Hope Middle School principal Sam Allison was named the district superintendent on Monday. Allison arrived at the school in 2005 as assistant principal and moved up to the top job two years later. He will take over as superintendent on January 1 from Lynn Wright. Wright got the job by winning elections, but the state is moving all superintendents of public schools from elected to appointed.

11/19 Parents and teachers packed a room in Columbus for a town hall on education. Funding for the public schools and boosting teacher pay were just a couple of topics discussed at the meeting. There

was also a discussion about private schools. Members of the Mississippi Legislature were also on hand, especially since it plays a major role in the funding for schools.

11/21 Supporters of a Catholic school in Columbus celebrated its expansion with the addition of six classrooms, computer science labs, a library and administrative offices. The extra space at Annunciation Catholic School makes room for the increased number of students enrolling every year. School administrators held a ribbon cutting. Principal Joni House says over the last nine years, the school had a spike in enrollment.

11/25 A graduate of the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) is the University of Mississippi's 27th Rhodes Scholar. Arielle Hudson is also Ole Miss' first African-American female to be selected to the scholarship program. She graduated from MSMS in Columbus in 2016. The Rhodes Scholarship brings 32 high-achieving students from around the world to the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom each year. Scholars receive tuition, travel, room and board, and a living stipend for two years, with a possible third year.

12/11 State education leaders continued their tour of visiting A-rated school districts. Since September when the Mississippi Department of Education released letter grades for the 2018-19 school year, state education leaders have been making the rounds across the state. On this date, state Superintendent of Education Dr. Carey Wright made visits to Alcorn County, Tishomingo County and Booneville. Students and staff members of the Booneville School District celebrated their accomplishments inside the high school gym. Wright will visit Lafayette County and Oxford schools on Thursday. Visits were previously made to Union County, Pontotoc City, New Albany, Lowndes County and Amory schools.

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Vaping

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Detailed Description: Mississippi joined the rest of the country in a major health crisis that developed with the popularity of electronic cigarettes. This surge in cases garnered the most attention during the quarter, but other health issues arose, including the annual increase in influenza. Listed are some of the stories that aired on diseases that affect the well-being of people in our area:

10/1 Mississippi is part of a national investigation into severe pulmonary disease or lung injury linked to the use of e-cigarette products. State health officials reiterate this is a very serious concern and one that is unfolding every day because there is still a lot not known about what is making people sick.

10/14 Officers seized approximately 100 THC vaping cartridges in Lowndes County. According to the Lowndes County Narcotics Task Force, narcotics agents and investigators with the state Attorney General's Office executed search warrants on October 3. This led to two arrests. Dustin Nichols, 36, and Whitney Ford, 28, both of Columbus, were arrested and charged with conspiracy to traffic marijuana.

Narcotics agents seized marijuana and the THC cartridges, which they say were meant to be distributed in Columbus and Lowndes County. Agents estimated the narcotics' street value at approximately \$18,000.

10/23 The Mississippi Department of Health is confirming two more cases in the state of lung illness connected to vaping. The department says Tuesday that the new cases bring the state's total to seven cases, which includes one person who died weeks ago. All seven have been in people between 18 and 34 years old. The department said that as of October 15, the U.S. had seen 1,479 cases of lung illness in 49 states, the District of Columbia and one territory. Thirty-three deaths had been reported from 24 states.

10/24 State health and law enforcement officials in Mississippi are warning the public about the use of CBD products. During a Wednesday press conference, officials with the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics (MBN) and the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) discouraged the use of CBD products. Mississippi Commissioner of Public Safety Marshall Fisher said the state does not know what is in the products. Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics Director John Dowdy said state testing of CBD products purchased in the state showed that a lot of CBD products are mislabeled, may be harmful and possibly illegal.

11/1 The American Vaping Association and the Mississippi Vaping Advocacy Association held a rally not far from President Trump's rally in Tupelo. They want the president to end the proposed ban on e-cigarette flavors. Many of those involved supported President Trump in the 2016 election but add they won't be able to if he goes through with the ban.

11/5 On Tuesday, the Mississippi State Department of Health reported two additional identified cases of a vaping-related lung illness in Mississippi, bringing the state total to nine with one death. Most of the identified cases have been in individuals between 18 and 34 years of age, with two being in adults 35 years of age or older. Nationwide, as of October 29, there have been 1,888 cases of lung illness reported from 49 states, the District of Columbia, and one U.S. territory. Thirty-seven deaths have been reported from 24 states. According to the MSDH, no specific product such as the device, liquid, refill pods or cartridge has been clearly identified as the cause of illness.

11/7 Aldermen in Booneville are considering changes to the city's smoking ban. City leaders are discussing if e-cigarettes should be added to the current ordinance that bans smoking in public places and on city property. Before any change is made, a public hearing would be held on the proposal.

12/11 A public school district in Mississippi filed a lawsuit against e-cigarette giant Juul for the company's role in the vaping epidemic. The hope is that it will become a class-action suit where all Mississippi school districts can sue the company. The Jefferson County Public School District filed the suit last week in federal court. The district claims Juul and its partners targeted teens in marketing campaigns, which caused the district to reallocate a substantial amount of school dollars toward vaping and nicotine addiction.

12/18 The Mississippi State Department of Health provided a breakdown of the eleven people in Mississippi diagnosed with a vaping-related illness. Eight of them are men, and nine of them ended up in the hospital. So far, only one has died. State health officials say nine of the cases occurred in people between the ages of 18 and 34. The remaining two cases involve people older than 35.

12/31 The state completed its autopsy on a woman from Smithville whose death was suspected of being connected to vaping. State medical examiner Dr. David Arboe listed the cause of death for Anna Russell, 27, as bilateral pneumonia. However, the report also said a history of vaping and recent pneumonia associated with vaping "contributed to her demise." The Mississippi State Department of Health Tuesday would not say if Russell is the state's only vaping-related death, adding such a move would violate federal patient confidentiality laws.

TOPIC

Workforce development

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Detailed Description: The local economy not only needs qualified workers for jobs in the moment. Businesses need to know they will be able to find employees in the future as well. That is why economic developers as well as universities, colleges and schools have placed a focus on developing a quality workforce to attract good jobs to the region. Here is a look at some of the stories we aired on this subject:

10/1-3 Two events are helping middle and high school students find a career path. At Imagine the Possibilities, thousands of 8th graders showed up at the BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo where they were exposed to 18 career pathways, including health sciences, marketing and culinary arts. WLOV is a participating sponsor in putting this event on each year.

10/21 A local company is helping people build life-long careers in the HVAC industry. M&M Heating and Cooling has a training room on-site to teach workers how to wire, braze and more. There are several departments and parts of this job, but you don't have to have prior experience to work, and internship opportunities are available for students.

10/28 A program at Northeast Mississippi Community College (NEMCC) is providing students with internship opportunities. The Tiger Apprenticeship Program at NEMCC was created two years ago as a way for students to network with various industries. College President Ricky Ford said the students get to come in on an interim basis and work. They can actually learn the skills while on the job training. This year's program begins in November.

11/4 Itawamba Community College has been recognized for its programs to help introduce area middle school students to the world of industrial manufacturing. The community college was awarded the Future of Industry Award for its TEK2GO advanced manufacturing camp. The camp is a partnership between Toyota, Hawkeye Industries and ICC to give 6th, 7th and 8th graders across the area a hands-on education in various manufacturing projects.

11/4 The welding course at Northeast Mississippi Community College is offering students a chance to build their own future. At NEMCC, students go through a 12-week interactive course to teach them the

ends and outs of the trade. No experience is necessary to sign up, and it is preferred by the course instructor, Anthony Hardin because there are no bad habits going in that have to be unlearned.

11/19 Tupelo High School is teaching students skills necessary in the workforce and life. The collision repair program at the high school was created to give students an opportunity to learn about cars in a hands-on environment. Instructor Derek Bradley not only teaches students about cars but also how to care for others and have a strong work ethic. The class created an initiative called "Sharing at Christmas," which is a bike giveaway. Students fix up old bikes and give them away to families that may not be able to afford a new bike.

11/20 Students in Lee County may not have to travel very far just to take career-based classes. The Lee County School Board proposed building a career and technical education center. The new building would house eight programs ranging from health sciences to agriculture. Career and technical education director Amy Johnson said the need for career-based programs is growing.

11/26 A program at Tupelo High School is working to empower a new generation of engineers. Leah Vaughn, a student in the engineering class, is learning as much as possible to lead her to her dream job. During the two-year program, students learn the basics of engineering and have the knowledge to further their education at a university or immediately enter the workforce. If you're a student at Tupelo High School interested in joining the CTE program, you can contact the administration office.

12/4 A local sober living facility opened a bakery and café with hopes to support its women in recovery while preparing them for the workforce. About two years ago, Talbot House in Tupelo opened a bakery and café. Becky Weatherford, the founder of Talbot House, said prior experience to work there is not necessary because training is provided.

12/9 Students at Northeast Mississippi Community College (NEMCC) are learning how to design our future. The Drafting, Design, and 3D Modeling program is a two-year program that allows students to get a hands-on look at the industry. Instructor Jeff Melson teaches students how to create and build various products like homes, prosthetics, guitars and more from computers. Recently, students completed a sound booth inside of Hinds Hall on campus. This new addition will increase the quality of musical productions taking place inside the theater. This program also offers eligibility for the Tiger Apprenticeship Program, which gives students a paid opportunity to work within a company while in college.

TOPIC

Crime

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Detailed Description: One major factor in determining a community's quality of life is crime. An area with a high crime rate not only makes people feel unsafe, it can affect property values and drive down

the value of homes and the areas surrounding them. The final three months of the year had its share of violent crime, and here is a sampling of stories that aired concerning this topic:

10/1 A father is charged with the murder of his son in Monroe County. According to the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, 51-year-old James Hester of Greenwood Springs was arrested on Sunday. The shooting happened Sunday evening at a home on Splunge Road in the Greenwood Springs area. When sheriff's deputies arrived, they found a man dead. Monroe County Coroner Alan Gurley identified the man as Eddie Hester, 28. The coroner called the situation a domestic dispute.

10/7 Law enforcement took a teenager to jail after Caledonia school officials said that teen made a threat to the school. Sheriff's deputies said the teen made a bomb threat to all county schools. They tracked him down, arrested him and charged him with making terroristic threats. For now, that teen is being held in the county's juvenile detention center.

10/14 Lowndes County deputies charged three teenagers with burglary after investigators said they vandalized a school building in Columbus. Sheriff Mike Arledge said two 13-year-olds and an 11-year-old ransacked several classrooms in the 4th and 5th grade building at New Hope School. They destroyed computers, projectors and tables. According to the sheriff, the case will be handled in Lowndes County Youth Court.

10/16 Tupelo police are investigating a reported bank robbery and are looking for a man. According to law enforcement, the incident happened Wednesday afternoon at the CB&S Bank on South Gloster Street. Tupelo Police said no injuries were reported and the robber fled on foot. Police described the robber as a white male, approximately 50 years old, last seen wearing black sunglasses, a black hat, a sweatshirt and blue jeans. Police spokesman Capt. Charles McDougald said police are treating the incident as a robbery. Police later released photos of the possible robber and a dark car.

11/21 A grand jury has indicted a woman in connection to the 2015 murder of a man in New Hope. The Lowndes County grand jury indicted Lydia Martinez, 60, for first-degree murder and accessory after the fact. She was booked into the Lowndes County jail on Thursday. The victim was identified as Manuel Vasquez. Martinez is the mother of the man's wife, Christina Martinez Vasquez. Both women were arrested in connection with his disappearance.

11/22 A jury has found Jimmy Carpenter guilty of murdering an elderly woman in 2015. The trial began Monday, and the verdict was reached Friday morning. He was on trial for the death of Sharon Johnson, 65, in August 2015. Investigators said Carpenter was the disabled woman's caregiver. Johnson was stabbed multiple times and her throat was slit in her home on Mt. Gilead Road. He was sentenced to life without parole as a habitual offender.

11/25 More information is being released in connection to a weekend shooting in Verona. The shooting happened Saturday night at Main Street Liquor and Wine. According to Lee County Sheriff Jim Johnson, the robber walked into the store and demanded money. The store's clerk pulled out a handgun. The robber took the gun from the clerk and shot the clerk in the leg and ran away. The clerk had surgery and is OK. The same store was robbed the night of November 1. In that incident, the robber pointed a handgun and demanded money. After stealing money and items, the robber ran away.

12/3 A child abuse suspect is now charged with capital murder in the death of a 6-year-old boy. Family members said Camden Blair died on Saturday at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock. According to

the Tupelo Police Department, the emergency room staff at the hospital in Tupelo notified police about the child's injuries on November 13. Tupelo Police initially charged Joshua Oakley, 29, of Tupelo, with felony child abuse. According to police, Oakley was in a relationship with the boy's mother and was babysitting at the time of the injuries. Tupelo Police upgraded charges against Oakley from felony child abuse to capital murder. Blair was a student at Parkway Elementary School.

12/16 A Mississippi man whose murder conviction was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court for racial bias is set to be released from custody for the first time in 22 years. During a hearing Monday, a judge set a \$250,000 bond for 49-year-old Curtis Flowers. Circuit Judge Joseph Loper said Flowers would have to wear an electronic monitor. The U.S. Supreme Court in June overturned Flowers' fourth conviction, citing racial bias in the jury selection. Flowers' attorney says a person who wants to remain anonymous has posted the \$25,000 necessary to secure Flowers' release. The defendant was released from jail in Winston County.

12/19 The owner of a store in Pontotoc was shot in the head during a late-night armed robbery. Pontotoc Police Chief Randy Tutor said three masked robbers entered the East Side Quick Stop at approximately 10:24 p.m. Wednesday. The store is located at the intersection of East Oxford Street and Martin Luther King Drive. All three robbers had handguns, and the owner was alone at the time of the incident. A robber shot the owner in the head, but the owner was able to call 911. The victim was transported to the hospital in Tupelo and is now listed in stable condition at a Memphis hospital.

12/26 Columbus Police identified a second person believed to be involved in the shooting death of a teenager last week in the city. Police Chief Fred Shelton said a felony warrant has been issued for Damorio Sanchez Price-Ewing, 19, of West Point. Investigators said Xavier Dora, 18, was shot at an abandoned home on 17th Street and 5th Avenue South on December 19. Shelton said Dora died in surgery. The chief said at least five people were inside the abandoned house and investigators believe they were engaged in some type of illegal activity. Police charged Shaquavus White, 18, of West Point, with manslaughter in Dora's death.

12/30 Louisville Police now have murder suspect Rushaka Cobb in their custody. Choctaw Tribal Police arrested him in Winston County on Christmas Day. Cobb was processed at the Louisville Police Department on Monday. Since he was arrested on a federal Native American reservation, he was entitled to an extradition hearing, according to Louisville Police Chief Sean Holdiness. A judge waived Monday's extradition hearing and Cobb was returned to Louisville. Louisville Police charged him with the murder of Lee Hughes, 27. Police found Hughes' body on Dec. 23 inside a home on North Court Street in Louisville.