



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

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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 on the WTVA/WLOV News app, on Facebook and on Twitter. The segments below had an average duration of 30 seconds to 2 minutes unless otherwise noted. Mississippi TV, LLC (dba WTVA) provides services to WLOV including producing live newscasts.

- Violent Crime
- Police Performance
- Missing Persons
- Politics
- Education
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Local:

TOPIC

Violent Crime

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

Date: Various

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Duration: Various

Detailed Description: Safety is a concern for people across North Mississippi, and the fourth 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:

10/12 A suspect has surrendered to law enforcement following a recent shooting in Lowndes County. The shooting happened on October 1 in the area of AJ's Grocery off Land Road. The victim was wounded with non-life-threatening injuries, Sheriff Mike Arledge said that day. Lowndes County Investigator Greg Wright confirms Donta Perry, 21, of Columbus, has been arrested and charged in connection to the incident. Perry is charged with two counts of aggravated assault.

10/13 Police in Columbus are trying to figure out who killed someone after a body was found Saturday morning. Officers discovered the body in an apartment in the 300 block of 11th Street South after being called around 8 a.m. Chief Fred Shelton says the male victim had been shot but Lowndes County Coroner Greg Merchant will have to determine the cause of death. The chief added that detectives are already developing strong leads in the case.

10/18 Police are looking for the person who shot someone at a home Wednesday night in Calhoun City. It happened around 9 p.m. at the victim's home on South Madison Street. The victim was taken to a hospital and is in stable condition. The mother of the victim did not want to release her name or her son's name but says, her son was in her driveway when an unidentified suspect fired multiple shots. She says her son then ran into the house and screamed "I've been shot" and fell to the floor. Chief Latana Williams says the person being sought in connection with the shooting was wearing dark clothes.

10/19 One person is in custody and another has been hospitalized following a shooting in Hamilton, Miss., according to the sheriff. Arrested is Ronald Tillman and he is in custody, accused of shooting Solomon Coleman in the leg and chest, Sheriff Cecil Cantrell said. The incident happened Friday afternoon along Macks Circle near Valley Chapel, Cantrell said. Coleman has been rushed to the Baptist Memorial Hospital - Golden Triangle in Columbus, and his condition is unknown at this time, Cantrell said.

10/24 Multiple law enforcement agencies responded to reports of a shooting that took place Tuesday evening. Tippah County sheriff's deputies responded to the scene on County Road 808 with assistance from the Mississippi Highway Patrol SWAT Team. Officers were serving an arrest warrant on Hasheem Rutherford of Ripley for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon as well as breaking and entering. The Tippah County Sheriff's Department received information from a tip that Rutherford was hiding on a property at 1781 County Road 808 in Ripley for a shooting that took place earlier that week. Rutherford was located and taken into custody without incident sometime near 5 p.m.

10/29 The passing of Joshawa Hopkins, who authorities report was shot in the head back in 2016, came as a shock to those who were closest to him. Two are now charged with first-degree murder in connection with Hopkins' death. Jacob Riley Lewis, 28, of Walnut, and Jacquelyn Caldwell, 39, of Walnut, were recently arrested by Tippah County investigators. The events leading up to the shooting that fatal August afternoon are still not clear. Authorities confirm the incident happened outside of suspect Jacob Lewis' camper.

11/1 A man was shot several times Wednesday morning in Corinth. Corinth Police Chief Ralph Dance says the shooting happened at the corner of Young Street and Wick Street sometime near 11:20 a.m. He says the victim was transported to a local hospital by an ambulance, then flown to a Memphis hospital. Detective Dell Green says the victim is still in critical condition at a Memphis hospital. The shooting suspect has been identified as 26-year-old Sammie Turnage, who turned himself in to the Marshall County Sheriff's Department.

11/14 No one was injured when shots were fired in northwest Tupelo. Tupelo police responded to a shots-fired call Tuesday morning sometime near 10:00 on Colonial Estates Road. Police say preliminary information indicates a verbal argument escalated into shots being fired. The suspect was not on the scene when police arrived. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-773-8477.

11/28 Three men have been charged with murder in the death of a Grenada County man. It all started when deputies were called to a home around 5 a.m. on Sunday. They found blood and shell casings, but they could not find the body of Wille Hooper. Around 1:30 Wednesday afternoon, the body of Hooper was found in a well, in the Duck Hill area of Montgomery County, Sheriff Alton Strider said. Grenada, Montgomery, and state officials had to drain the well before they were able to recover his body, at Highway 404 West. At this time, the sheriff is uncertain how Hooper was killed but said his deputies had been looking for him ever since he disappeared following the Sunday morning shooting at the McCain Estates.

11/22 One person is hospitalized and three people are being sought following a shooting in a Tupelo neighborhood in the early morning hours on Thanksgiving, according to police. It happened around 1 a.m. on the 1300 block of Ruffwood Rd, a spokesperson for the department said. The victim told officers he heard several gunshots as he approached his vehicle, police said. He was wounded in the back and taken to North Mississippi Medical Center. His condition is not known. The suspects are described as male. No further description was given.

11/23 Officers responded to reports of shots fired in Tupelo Friday morning, according to police. It happened in the 300 block of North Park St just after midnight, a spokeswoman for the police department said. A female suffered minor injuries as a result of possible flying glass. Witnesses told

police that shots were fired after an argument between several people. This is the second reported shooting in Tupelo in 24 hours.

11/30 A Friday night shooting sent one to the hospital and sent police looking for who pulled the trigger. Emergency responders were called to the 1000 block of Shady Street around 10:30 p.m. They say the victim suffered wounds in an arm and a leg and the shooter left the scene. There is no word on the victim's condition or on the identities of those involved.

12/2 Another person has been shot in Columbus. This time it happened in the 400 block of Summerhaven around 1:30 a.m. Saturday. Chief Fred Shelton says an argument led to victim being shot. He says the person was taken to Baptist Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Shelton says the suspect and the victim knew each other and this incident was not random. Friday night, a similar shooting incident happened in the 1000 block of Shady Street. Police are now trying to see if the two shootings are related.

12/3 Police have arrested and charged a man with murder following the shooting death of a Chickasaw County man, according to Okolona Police Commander Rahn Giddens. Christopher James is facing a first-degree murder charge and was arrested Tuesday night, according to police. James is accused of the shooting death of Tracey Baskin at his home in Okolona Tuesday evening. James is expected to appear before a judge sometime Wednesday.

12/7 Lee County deputies say one woman is dead after a shooting in Palmetto. Annie Walton, 66, was killed in the shooting on Drive 45. Sheriff Jim Johnson says four men went onto the property and fired multiple rounds into a home. He says one victim was treated at the scene. Two other victims were transported to North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo. Walton died at the hospital. Johnson says the home was a direct target and that the individuals inside were the purpose of the shooting.

12/13 A teenager finds out his punishment in the shooting death of someone he described as his friend. Lee County Circuit Judge Paul Funderburk on Wednesday gave Keithan Griffin five years in prison for culpable negligence manslaughter. District Attorney John Weddle says his office was seeking ten years in prison for the defendant. Griffin, 16 at the time of the shooting, killed Daiquarrias Pounds, 19, in May 2017 at Griffin's home on Shonda Circle. The shooting happened five months after Griffin, a Tupelo High School football player, was paralyzed in a shooting at Theron Nichols Park.

12/17 Tupelo police arrested and charged a local woman with shooting into a dwelling last week. Jessica Osborne, 30, of Tupelo, has been charged with shooting into an occupied dwelling. On Friday, Dec. 14, at approximately 3:45 p.m., Tupelo police were notified of a shooting incident in the 1600 block of North Green Street. It appears a civil dispute between two women escalated into a physical fight. Police say Osborne left the area, but then reportedly returned and fired a handgun into the dwelling. No injuries were reported. Police say a juvenile was also inside the home at the time of the shooting.

12/19 Eupora police have arrested a shooting suspect wanted in connection to an incident that happened Tuesday night at the Early Grove Apartments. Police identify the suspect as Dy'Quarvis Wofford. A judge set bond for him at \$100,000 following his arrest in Maben. He was being sought for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Upon arriving at the scene off Highway 9 North around 7 p.m., police found the victim, Bronzeman Watson, shot in the face. He was immediately taken to the North Mississippi Medical Center in Eupora for treatment.

12/26 Police say a third person has now been arrested in connection with the shooting of the Noxubee County sheriff's son last week. Macon Police Chief Davine Beck says David Jaquan Hampton, 27, of Meridian was arrested on Christmas Day. Hampton is charged with attempted murder in the shooting of Ramon Mattox at a home on North Street in Macon Friday afternoon. Mattox was shot three times in the chest and was treated at a Tupelo hospital before being released Christmas Day. Hampton is currently being held in the Lauderdale County Jail in Meridian and is expected to make a court appearance tomorrow.

TOPIC

Performance of Public Officials

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Detailed Description: Public officials are expected to serve their communities. However, their actions sometimes come into question. That was the case in a couple of instances during this period. Following are some of the stories we aired concerning a couple of controversial instances:

12/8 The Tupelo city attorney is facing a driving under the influence charge, and how that DUI was handled is being questioned. A Mississippi Highway Patrol spokesperson says Ben Logan was stopped by troopers last night. He was charged with DUI refusal. However, he was never booked into the Lee County jail even though others facing the same offense were. The city's original statement is that Logan's DUI is a private matter but he was not in a city-owned vehicle.

12/19 A charging document says a northern Mississippi sheriff was stealing guns and drugs, seeking sex with inmates and threatening employees if they told anyone about the crimes. Webster County Sheriff Tim Mitchell was arrested Wednesday at his Eupora home and is jailed awaiting a Thursday court appearance. A sworn statement accuses him of crimes beginning in November 2017, when he's accused of illegally buying pills from an informant. Beginning this spring, Mitchell is accused of seeking sex with two women in his jail. He's also accused of ordering a deputy to remove four guns from evidence and conveying at least some to an employee and an inmate. Mitchell also provided that inmate with illegal drugs and a cellphone, charges say, while ordering the deputy to remove drugs from evidence. TOPIC

Missing Persons

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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:

10/9 A woman has been reported missing in Prentiss County. The woman is identified as Blakley Madison Thompson, 21. Prentiss County Sheriff Randy Tolar says the sheriff's department received the report yesterday, October 8. Family members say they have not made contact with her in about two months. She is described as a white female, with auburn hair, green eyes. She stands 4'11". Anyone with information about her whereabouts is asked to contact the Prentiss County Sheriff's Department at 662-728-6232. She was later booked into the Prentiss County Jail charged with domestic violence.

10/11 A man is missing in Tupelo and police are asking for help. The man is identified as Lee Tyler James, 34. Police say James last contacted his family on September 27. He is described as a white male, 5'11" in height and weighs approximately 200 pounds. He is known to stay on Blair Street and at the Salvation Army in Tupelo. A friend says James had been heard saying he may "walk to Memphis." Anyone with information about his whereabouts is asked to contact Lee County 911 at 662-869-2911.

10/18 A search is underway for a missing teenager from Itawamba County. She is Paige Coleman, 15, from Starling Road in Mantachie, and she was last seen around the Itawamba/Lee County line, according to the Itawamba County Sheriff's Department. Jason Dickinson with the Itawamba County Sheriff's Department says Coleman is believed to be with a man, identified as 25-year-old Billy Ray Bailey, Jr.

10/26 A man is missing in Union County, according to the Union County Sheriff's Department. The man is identified as Bradley Eugene Roe. He is a white male, 5'11" in height and weighs approximately 200 pounds. He has brown hair and blue eyes. He is missing from the Blue Springs area. Roe was later found okay.

10/27 Police in New Albany hope you can help officers find an elderly man suffering from dementia who is missing. James Riddle, 81, was last seen by his family two days ago at their home in the 400 block of North Street. Riddle stands 6-feet-1-inch tall and weighs 160 pounds. He is believed to be walking instead of traveling in a vehicle. If you see Riddle, you are asked to call New Albany police at 662-534-2222. Riddle was later found at a Tupelo nursing home visiting his wife.

11/6 The Monroe County Sheriff's Department is seeking the public's help when it comes to finding Jessie Leigh House, who is missing. According to the sheriff's department, she was last seen at her home on Patterson Road in Greenwood Springs on November 1. She is 30 years old and is said to have red hair and brown eyes and is about 5'7", 250 lbs. If anyone has seen or heard from her, you are encouraged to call the Monroe County Sheriff's Department at 662-369-2468. She was later found that same day.

12/8 Law enforcement in Chickasaw County are asking for help finding a missing girl. The girl is identified as Jasmine Nicole Byrd, 17. She is described as white, stands 5'6" in height, weighs approximately 125 pounds, has brown hair and hazel-colored eyes. The Chickasaw County Sheriff's Department says she was last seen in Houlika on November 26. Anyone with information is asked to contact the sheriff's department at 662-456-2339.

12/10 Police are seeking the public's help in the search for a West Point man. West Point Police Chief Avery Cook says Rahman Hernandez has not been seen or heard from his family since November 21. The family told the chief that Rahman has never gone without contacting his family in this length of time.

Hernandez is about 5'8" in height and weighs 170 pounds. He was last seen wearing a gray hoodie and blue jeans. If you have any information on his whereabouts, call the West Point Police Department at 662-494-1244.

TOPIC

Politics

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Detailed Description: Federal offices were on the ballot in November, but the state had 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 developments concerning the state election in 2019:

10/5 A second U.S. Senate campaign debate in Mississippi is falling apart because two of the four candidates declined to participate. Clarion Ledger editor Sam Hall on Friday announced cancellation of the Oct. 23 debate the newspaper was helping sponsor. This happened after cancellation of the first debate set for Thursday. Both times, Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith said she wouldn't participate if she had to be in Washington, and Democrat Mike Espy said he wouldn't debate without Hyde-Smith. That left Republican Chris McDaniel and Democrat Tobey Bernard Bartee, and sponsors backed out. The Thursday debate was sponsored by Millsaps College and Mississippi Public Broadcasting. Other sponsors of the Oct. 23 debate were WLBT-TV, the League of Woman Voters and the Mississippi Bar Association.

10/5 Monday, October 8, marks Mississippi's in-person registration deadline, with circuit clerks' offices open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. despite the federal holiday (Columbus Day). Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, October 9. All Circuit Clerks' Offices will be open for extended hours on Saturday, October 6, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

10/23 Advertising is starting to increase ahead of the Nov. 6 special election for a U.S. Senate seat in Mississippi. Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith released a TV ad Tuesday showing her at her family's cattle auction in Brookhaven. She relates cattle ranching to serving in Washington and says: "You can't be afraid to put your boots on and clean up the mess." In his own ad out Tuesday, Democratic challenger Mike Espy says Mississippi is "defamed, dismissed and disrespected," and he pledges to "work to correct the stereotypes and attract companies and jobs." The Remember Mississippi political action committee bought ads supporting Republican Chris McDaniel, saying he is "no establishment politician." A new NBC News/Marist poll shows the special election has a strong chance of going to a Nov. 27 runoff.

10/23 Voters in Mississippi and Alabama will head to the polls Tuesday for primary elections, but the length of your ballot could be dramatically different depending on where you live and which political party you choose. In Northeast Mississippi, many voters will only have the U.S. Senate race featuring Republican incumbent Roger Wicker of Tupelo. He is being challenged by fellow Republican Richard

Boyanton from the Gulf Coast. Six people are running in the Democratic primary, people who entered the race when state Senator Chris McDaniel was challenging Wicker in the GOP primary. McDaniel later jumped to the November special election for the other U.S. Senate seat once held by Thad Cochran. The only other race in Northeast Mississippi will be for the U.S. House in the Third Congressional District, which includes Starkville, most of Oktibbeha County and all of Noxubee County. In Alabama, federal, state and county offices are up for grabs in party primaries. The Democratic ballot in Lamar County only has races for governor, U.S. House, attorney general and secretary of state. The GOP ballot is much longer with more state offices and races for county commission, sheriff, coroner and probate judge.

10/29 Mississippi residents are facing a voter registration deadline for next month's runoff elections. People have until 5 p.m. Monday to register. That will allow them to vote Nov. 27 if there are runoffs for a special U.S. Senate election, judicial races and two special elections for Mississippi House seats. There was an earlier registration deadline for the Nov. 6 general election. Four candidates are running in a special U.S. Senate election. If nobody wins those races or the multi-candidate judicial elections Nov. 6, the top two in each contest will advance to the runoff.

11/17 President Trump will come to Tupelo on the eve of the U.S. Senate runoff election to campaign for interim U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith. The president is scheduled to hold a rally at 5 p.m. on November 26 at the Tupelo Regional Airport. People will be allowed into the event at 2 p.m. that day. Tickets for the event can be reserved online at donaldjtrump.com. Only two tickets can be reserved for each mobile phone number submitted. The Tupelo visit is one of two stops the president will make in Mississippi that Monday. He also plans to make an 8 p.m. rally at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi. Trump previously campaigned for Hyde-Smith at a rally in Southaven.

11/24 Polls are seeing a high absentee voting turnout with the run-off election between Mike Espy and Cindy Hyde-Smith only days away. The Lee County Circuit Clerk's office held voting until noon Saturday with about 250 voters turning out. Officials say this is particularly high for absentee voting for a run-off election. "This last election we had some precincts with about 70% voter turnout, which is amazing for this type of election," said Lee County Circuit Clerk Camille Roberts Delaney. "Normally, we don't see numbers that high, unless it is presidential. So, I think we're gonna vote high again in the run-off." The run-off election will be held November 27th.

11/26 President Donald Trump is urging Mississippi voters to bolster the Republican majority in the U.S. Senate. He came to the state Monday to help Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith finish the final two years of the term started by Republican Thad Cochran. In Tuesday's election she faces Democrat Mike Espy, a former congressman and U.S. agriculture secretary who would become Mississippi's first black senator since Reconstruction. At an event in Tupelo, Trump said, "I think it's going to be a very big day for Cindy and for the Republican Party and the country." He told people "don't take any chances" by not voting.

11/27 Republican U.S. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith won a divisive Mississippi runoff Tuesday, surviving a video-recorded remark decried as racist and defeating a former federal official who hoped to become the state's first African-American senator since Reconstruction. The runoff was rocked by the video, in which Hyde-Smith said of a supporter, "If he invited me to a public hanging, I'd be on the front row." A separate video showed her talking about "liberal folks" and making it "just a little more difficult" for them to vote. The comments by Hyde-Smith, who is white, made Mississippi's history of racist lynchings a theme of the runoff and spurred many black voters to return to the polls Tuesday.

11/30 A Democrat who lost a contentious U.S. Senate runoff in Mississippi this week is preparing to run again in two years. A document filed with the Federal Election Commission on Friday creates a "Mike Espy for Senate Campaign Committee" for 2020. The form was electronically signed by Espy, and an official in his 2018 campaign confirmed to The Associated Press that the document is real. Espy, who is black, lost Tuesday to white Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith. Mississippi's history of racist lynchings became a focal point after a video showed Hyde-Smith praising a supporter by saying: "If he invited me to a public hanging, I'd be on the front row." Hyde-Smith said the phrase was "an exaggerated expression of regard," and more than a week after the video was published, she apologized to "anyone that was offended."

12/11 A first-term Republican state lawmaker is set to start his 2019 campaign for Mississippi governor, although he says he hasn't started raising money. Rep. Robert Foster of Hernando is making an announcement Tuesday evening in DeSoto County. Foster told The Associated Press on Monday that he feels a "calling" to run for governor, and it's "not based on the promises of any campaign contribution or endorsement." Republican Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves is expected to run for governor. His campaign has more than \$5 million. Another Republican, Petal Mayor Hal Marx, has announced for governor. Democrats already in the governor's race are Attorney General Jim Hood and retired Jackson State University employee Velesha P. Williams.

12/17 A Republican U.S. senator from Mississippi has taken her oath of office nearly three weeks after winning a special election. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith was administered the oath Monday in Washington by the Senate's president pro tempore, Republican Orin Hatch of Utah. It's the second time Hyde-Smith has been sworn into the Senate. The first time was in April, when she was appointed to temporarily succeed retired Republican Sen. Thad Cochran. Hyde-Smith defeated Democratic challenger Mike Espy in a Nov. 27 special election runoff and will finish the final two years of the six-year term Cochran started. State election officials last week certified the special election results, with Hyde-Smith winning 54 percent to Espy's 46 percent. Hyde-Smith is the first woman elected to represent Mississippi in either chamber of Congress.

TOPIC

Education

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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:

10/11 Mississippi's state Board of Education is approving most of the A-to-F ratings for public schools and districts that it delayed last month. The board voted on Thursday to approve ratings for all but the Corinth school district and four schools that deal with special populations. The board is likely to consider the remaining ratings in November after it gets more information about whether it's legally required to

rate those schools. A state Department of Education task force is supposed to continue looking into Mississippi's rating system in coming months after some local school officials voiced strong discontent with the system. A majority of the board is rejecting a move by some members to appoint a new task force with more board members to conduct that review.

10/11 The Mississippi State Board of Education is seeking public comment on a proposal to appoint student representatives to the SBE starting in the 2019-20 school year. Student representatives would be non-voting members but would provide input on policy decisions that affect Mississippi public schools. The SBE's proposal calls for inviting applications from public school students who will be high school juniors or seniors in 2019-20. Through a competitive process, the State Board will appoint one rising junior and one rising senior to serve as student representatives consecutively in the initial year of program implementation. After the senior graduates, the junior representative will promote to the senior representative position. A new junior representative will be appointed annually.

10/16 The Mississippi Department of Education is pulling its literacy coaches from several local schools due to the schools' academic improvements. The local schools include Aberdeen Elementary, Greenlee Attendance Center in Attala County and Nettleton Primary. Mississippi's Literacy-Based Promotion Act of 2013 established the literacy coach program, which assigns coaches to schools in which 3rd-grade students have the lowest literacy skills. Coaches work closely with teachers and school leaders to improve instructional strategies and to ensure a school climate that advances literacy and academic goals. The Literacy-Based Promotion Act focuses on prevention and intervention to help children develop the reading skills required for 4th grade. The law requires 3rd-grade students to meet reading standards by the end of the school year to be promoted to 4th grade.

10/29 The Tupelo Public School District is seeking to become a District of Innovation. The district says Stewart McMillan, a Tupelo native and product of the school district, returned in September as the Innovative Program facilitator. Her job is to discover and adapt varying forms of learning and teaching and implement them in ways for students to reach their fullest potential. In order to achieve this, she is focusing on two main areas – grants and a District of Innovation distinction. The district says these grants will allow it to offer programs such as robotics club, reading materials, field trips, gardening, computers, etc. She's also started the process for Tupelo to become a District of Innovation. However, the status won't be determined until March of 2020 by the Mississippi Department of Education.

11/16 State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carey Wright will soon visit several local school districts who received high marks for their hard work. On Thursday, the Mississippi Department of Education announced a schedule of visits to recognize the achievements of all A-graded districts. Wright, along with district leaders and school board members, will thank teachers and students for their hard work. Visits will be made to the following school districts in the WTVA 9 News viewing area: North Tippah, Booneville, Union County, Pontotoc, Lafayette County and Oxford.

12/12 Monroe County School District Superintendent Scott Cantrell confirms he will retire from the position at the end of this school year. His last day as superintendent will be June 30, 2019. He has been the district's superintendent for approximately 11 years. He says he will work as an education consultant with Performance Based Education Company beginning in July 2019. Cantrell tells WTVA he is looking forward to a change in scenery and working as a consultant. He says he will be working with schools in the area. Cantrell has been a part of the Monroe County School District since elementary school. He's a graduate of Hatley High School.

12/20 Five new Early Learning Collaboratives have been approved, giving more children a chance to get a head start on their education. The Mississippi State Board of Education voted today, Dec. 20, to add the five ELCs to the current list of 14 to provide early childhood education programs to 4-year-old students. They are Oxford, Cleveland, George County, Hattiesburg and Marion County. The Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013 established the ELC program, which provides funding to local communities to establish, expand, support and facilitate the successful implementation of quality early childhood education and development services.

12/27 The University of Mississippi journalism school no longer bears the name of a donor who shared a Facebook post criticized for being racist. The Oxford Eagle reports the university this month removed Ed Meek's name from the school now known as the "School of Journalism and New Media." Meek had posted photos of black women online in September and suggested they exemplified problems threatening the local economy. University Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter said the post had an "unjustified racial overtone." Meek and university officials then requested to end his university association.

12/28 University of Mississippi alumnus Ed Meek responded to his name being removed from the university's School of Journalism building. Meek took to social media saying, "My intended reference was only to the increasing violence in our community, but this was twisted into an unintended racial issue." Meek was criticized earlier this year after posting pictures of two African-American women on Facebook. Some believed Meek suggested they exemplified problems threatening the local economy. "No greater damage can be done to my soul than to know I have brought shame to our Ole Miss," Meek said.

TOPIC

Economy

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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:

10/2 Auto Parts Manufacturing Mississippi (APMM) is increasing production in Lee County and creating 50 jobs. This is a \$100 million investment. The automotive supplier is located in Guntown and produces stamped auto parts, body weld parts and plastic parts. The company's expansion accommodates increased production for the 2019 Toyota Corolla, which is produced at Toyota Mississippi in Blue Springs. The Mississippi Development Authority is providing assistance for workforce training. Lee County is providing assistance in the form of ad valorem tax exemptions. APMM currently employs approximately 400 workers in Lee County. The company expects to fill the new positions by December 2018.

11/9 Ajinomoto Foods North America is expanding, creating 76 new jobs. This is a \$22 million investment at its Oakland, Mississippi, location. The new jobs will be created during a four-year period. The company, formerly known as Ajinomoto Windsor, manufactures and markets high-quality specialty frozen foods for consumers, commercial restaurants and food service operations from nine plants in six states. The addition of the 76 jobs will bring employment at the facility to 476 workers. Construction on the new facility began in September and is expected to be completed in April 2019.

11/13 Abby Manufacturing is expanding, creating 10 new jobs in Walnut. This expansion, the company's second this year, is a \$1.4 million corporate investment. This will increase Abby Manufacturing's employment in Tippah County to approximately 140 workers. The company manufactures steel and aluminum products. In April, the company announced the addition of a new laser cutting machine and press brake at the Walnut location, which created 10 jobs. Abby Manufacturing was founded in 1994 in Walnut and has operations in Ashland and New Albany. The company expects to fill the 10 new jobs by mid-2019.

12/6 Sutter Street Manufacturing is expanding its upholstered furniture manufacturing operations by opening a facility in Baldwyn. This project will create 350 jobs during the course of five years. Sutter Street is a wholly-owned subsidiary of retailer Williams-Sonoma. Sutter Street will use the already existing facility in the Harry A. Martin North Lee Industrial Complex. The employees there will produce handcrafted upholstered furniture for Williams-Sonoma brands including Pottery Barn, Pottery Barn Kids, PBteen, West Elm and Williams-Sonoma Home. The company will begin hiring workers immediately for the Lee County plant and expects to begin production in January.

12/13 A new manufacturing facility is being built in Tishomingo County which will create 25 jobs. Traxys Comerals Processing is locating operations in Burnsville at the Yellow Creek Port. This project is a \$10 million corporate investment. Traxys Comerals Processing is a part of Traxys North America, a metal marketing, distribution and trading company. The company is building a new facility consisting of 105,000-square-feet of manufacturing space, as well as office space. At this location, workers will produce alloying agents for the molten metal treatment of aluminum and steel. The Burnsville facility is expected to be completed this month.

12/14 A job fair is being held today, December 14, at the Itawamba Community College Belden Center. This is taking place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The job fair will also be tomorrow, December 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Belden campus is located at 3200 Adams Farm Road, Belden. The Community Development Foundation says Williams-Sonoma is hiring administrative and manufacturing positions. Job offers will be made on site with competitive wages.

12/17 Blauer Manufacturing is expanding its North Mississippi operations to Batesville. This expansion is to accommodate an increase in product demand. This is a \$2.4 million corporate investment and will create 125 jobs during the next three years. The company makes clothing and protective wear for police officers, firefighters and public safety officials. Its facility is currently located in Lafayette County. Now, it is moving to the facility formerly occupied by the Batesville Casket Company in Batesville. Blauer currently employs approximately 150 workers in Lafayette County. It will relocate the existing jobs to Batesville.

12/21 Hundreds of new jobs are coming to Marshall County with the completion of an Amazon goods fulfillment center. This project will create 850 jobs during the course of three years. Amazon is

currently making improvements to an existing 554,000-square-foot building in the Chickasaw Trails Industrial Park.

TOPIC

Health Care

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Duration: Various

Detailed Description: There has been plenty of public interest involving hospitals in our area, which play a vital role in providing health care. Below are some of the stories we aired concerning issues/policies involving those facilities as well as decisions affecting medical care:

10/12 The president of North Mississippi Health Services issued a statement to people in Amory addressing concerns and opinions surrounding the possible purchase of the town's hospital. Earlier this week, state Senator Hob Bryan had an opinion piece in the Monroe County Journal indicating North Mississippi Medical Center is set to purchase Gilmore Memorial Hospital in Amory for \$10.5 million. In the article, Bryan expressed concern for the Amory medical community if the Tupelo-based medical non-profit purchases the Amory hospital. Thursday afternoon, NMHS President/CEO Shane Spees wrote NMHS has never acquired a hospital and limited the hospital's services to an emergency room in order to send all patients to Tupelo.

11/13 North Mississippi Health Services was the only bidder for the purchase of Gilmore Memorial Hospital in Amory. In a statement issued by NMHS, the company received confirmation on Monday, November 12, that no other bidders filed with the bankruptcy court within the court-appointed deadline. "North Mississippi Health Services' existing bid will proceed as the only bid for consideration by the court, which is currently scheduled to hear the sale order on November 27." Earlier this year, the Amory hospital's parent company, Curae Health, filed for bankruptcy. This led to the historical hospital in Amory being put on the auction block. If the sale is approved on November 27, the Tupelo-based non-profit says it will work towards finalizing the sale transaction by the end of the year.

11/17 A charitable group has promised a \$1 million donation to expand Mississippi's only children's hospital. The Junior League of Jackson announced the pledge Friday to benefit the work on the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children and associated facilities at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Medical center officials say they now have \$60 million pledged toward a \$100 million private fundraising goal. Construction could start in the next few months on a \$180 million project that would more than double the hospital's available space. The new tower would include private neonatal intensive care rooms, a pediatric intensive care unit, operating rooms and imaging devices designed especially for children. Trustees approved plans Thursday for the medical center to borrow \$90 million and progress with construction plans.

11/23 Mississippi's attorney general said Friday that he will appeal a federal judge's ruling that struck down one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the United States. U.S. District Judge Carlton Reeves

ruled Tuesday that a Mississippi law banning most abortions after 15 weeks "unequivocally" violates women's constitutional rights. The state's Democratic attorney general, Jim Hood, said Friday that other federal circuits have reviewed laws banning abortion at 15 to 20 weeks, but the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has not yet reviewed such a case. The only abortion clinic in Mississippi says it provides abortions until 16 weeks, and it sued when Republican Gov. Phil Bryant signed the 15-week ban on March 19. Reeves issued a temporary restraining order the next day to keep the state from enforcing the law.

12/6 North Mississippi Health Services says it will soon no longer accept coverage for Humana customers enrolled in the insurer's Medicare Advantage plan. This takes effect January 1, and this applies to all NMHS hospitals, including North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, and its other clinics and imaging centers. The hospital system describes the move as a business decision and adds that people with that coverage will no longer be able to schedule elective procedures at NMHS locations or with NMHS providers. For elective procedures, Humana MA members will be forced to locate an in-network Humana provider.

12/31 The new year will mean a new owner for the Gilmore Memorial Hospital in Amory. Gilmore will officially become part of the North Mississippi Health Services. The new facility will be called North Mississippi Medical Center Gilmore-Amory. Earlier this year, the hospital's parent company, Curae Health, filed for bankruptcy. North Mississippi Health Services was the only bidder for the purchase of Gilmore Memorial Hospital.

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Weather

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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:

11/5 Two tornadoes moved through the Tupelo area late on this night. The tornado developed in far eastern Pontotoc County and moved through west and north Tupelo, causing damage to homes and businesses as well as an assisted living facility. It traveled more than 10 miles and had top winds of 115 miles an hour. A second tornado formed in the Kirkville area of Itawamba County with top winds of 100 miles an hour and traveled a little more than five miles. Even with transmission troubles because of a power outage, the television station provided extensive coverage online and on the air with multiple reporters providing live reports showing the damage and meteorologists alerting people to the oncoming tornadoes.

11/8 Neighborhood meetings are scheduled to take place this week for those affected by last Monday's tornado in Tupelo. Tupelo Mayor Jason Shelton says they will have the meetings for all areas

impacted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Representatives from Development Services, Public Works and other city departments will be available. Residents of the Colonial Estates area will have their meeting November 13 at Furniture Market Building 5. That's the same location for the Charleston Gardens area residents on November 14. People in the Bel Air area will meet November 15 at St. Luke United Methodist Church.

11/15 Tupelo leaders announced that victims of the November 5 tornado, rated EF-2 on the enhanced Fujita scale, won't receive funding from state or federal emergency management agencies. Chief Operations Officer Don Lewis says the damage isn't considered a disaster. A twister with top winds of 115 miles an hour struck in Pontotoc County last week, traveling through parts of Lee County and Tupelo. The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency says three homes in Tupelo were destroyed, seven had major damage and 27 had minor damage. An assisted living center near city limits was also damaged, forcing residents to evacuate. Residents are now at a nearby hotel while it's repaired.

12/31 A marginal severe weather threat was in effect for much of the area. At one point, a tornado watch was issued for the entire viewing area. However, the only tornado warning that was issued was in Attala County. A couple of severe thunderstorm warnings were issued as well. Much of the 12 pm news was preempted by severe weather coverage during the tornado warning. There were also interruptions of programming on multiple stations in the 11 am hour. However, no damage was ever reported from the storms that passed through. The watch, which was issued until 7 pm, ended much sooner for most of the area.

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Water Problems

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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:

10/8 Some residents in Lee County will need to start boiling their water. Officials with the North Lee County Water Association say that a Monday night water leak at Lake Piomingo is the cause of the notice. Residents in the area are currently without water. Crews are at the scene working on repairing the leak. Customers of the North Lee County Water Association are urged to boil their water for at least one minute before use.

10/9 Some residents in Smithville will be under a boil water notice. The town of Smithville says Smithville Rural Water will change some water pipes along the Kennedy Road area. This will only affect Kennedy Road, F.B. Boozer Lane and some customers on Seminole Road. A notice was delivered to affected customers. The water will be turned off for a short time. This is scheduled for Tuesday, October

9, and the town will notify when the boil water notice has been lifted for this area. The notice was lifted October 11.

10/9 The city of Fulton has issued a boil water notice for customers that live along Joe Wheeler Brown Road to Old Beaver Lake Road. This will also include customers around Lake Itawamba. The city asks those affected to boil their water until further notice. People in that area were finally able to resume using their water regularly on October 17.

10/10 A boil water notice has been issued for some customers of the Houlika-Houston Water Association in Chickasaw County. This affects approximately 125 customers on County Roads: 114, 124, 125 and 413. This is a precautionary boil water alert. Those affected are urged to boil their water for one minute before consuming.

10/13 The city of Aberdeen is under a boil water alert until further notice. The Mississippi State Department of Health issued the alert after informing city officials of a bad water sample. Health officials say a water sampling showed the presence of E. coli. The advisory affects the entire city of Aberdeen, approximately 5,000 customers, who receive their drinking water from the Aberdeen Water System. City officials say they are working to figure out the problem and hope to have it cleared up no later than Wednesday. Until then, it is recommended that people in the city boil water for one minute before consuming. The notice was lifted October 19.

10/15 The city's water department says crews are working non-stop to test the city's water supply. However, it could be later this week before department officials learn what's next. Aberdeen Water Supervisor Jason Roberson says they are retesting 17 water samples. He says it may take crews until Tuesday to finish. The sample would be sent to Jackson to the State Department of Health; they should know something by Thursday. Meanwhile, bottled water has run out at the Food Giant. However, the school and hospital are still open. Monroe Regional Hospital in Aberdeen has reached out to other cities for even more backup water.

10/24 Residents of Saltillo may see an increase in their water bill after a switch from well water to river water. According to Mississippi Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley, the average bill could increase from \$21.51 to \$39.91 for those outside one mile from the city line. For residential customers, a normal rate of \$10.43 would increase to \$15.00 for those within city limits and \$12.00 to \$19.00, for customers more than one mile from city limits. Presley says this rate increase is necessary so that residents can have clear water again. Most residents had mixed feelings about the rate increase.

10/26 Some parts of Saltillo are no longer under a boil water notice. Mayor Rex Smith says the Wesson Heights, Edgewater and Westbriar areas are no longer under the alert. The Westwood, Saddle Creek and Gardenview areas remain under the alert until further notice. The notice was issued earlier this week, according to the Mississippi State Department of Health out of concerns the water system in that area had been contaminated. Everyone was lifted from the notice on October 29.

11/7 The North Lee Water Association says a boil water notice for some of its customers has been lifted. The notice was issued Saturday after a loss of pressure in the system. Those affected lived on County Road 885 south of County Road 1900 to County Road 1634 and all residents on County Road 931 to County Road 1057.