



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

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The following is a list of the programs of significant treatment of Northeast Mississippi community issues. Local news stories were also posted on our website at www.wtva.com, on the WTVA 9 News app, on Facebook and on Twitter.

- Violent Crime
- Police Performance
- Jail Inmate Escapes
- Politics
- Education
- Economy
- Weather
- Health Care

Local:

TOPIC
Violent Crime

Program Title: WLOV News Date: Various
Time: Various Duration: Various

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

7/1 Brooklyn Traylor has pleaded guilty to murder in the February 2016 killing of Kris Ledlow at the Mapco gas station on Highway 72 in Corinth. He was sentenced to life with the possibility of parole at the age of 60. Prosecutors say Traylor will testify against Micah Bostic, who's charged with capital murder in the case.

7/1 The Mississippi Supreme Court has rejected an appeal by Kale Scott to get his murder conviction in Lowndes County Circuit Court overturned. Scott was found guilty of murder and aggravated assault in the fatal shooting of Devin Montgomery at a May 2014 graduation party. Scott argued the shooting was in self-defense.

7/3 A Lafayette County grand jury has indicted a man on a murder charge following a March shooting. The Oxford Eagle reports that Christopher Paten has been charged with shooting 31-year old Kenya Hill. Hill was shot in March and later died of her injuries. Paten was later arrested in Jackson.

7/6 The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation has joined the investigation into what the Tippah County coroner is calling a double murder. A man and woman were found in their home on County Road 303, and it comes as the sheriff's department is still trying to solve two murders from earlier this year.

7/7 A man in Tishomingo County is under arrest, accused of killing his wife. Delmar Peters is charged with first degree murder in the killing of Vicki Peters at their home in Burnsville. A friend of the couple says she's surprised at what happened since it appears the two had a good relationship.

7/10 Nicholas Phyfer and Kaylee Rhea were booked into the Clay County jail Sunday charged with murder. Coroner Alvin Carter says he doesn't want to speculate on how David Ryals died, but he said the man was not shot. The body was found near the victim's home.

7/11 Aberdeen police have detained two juveniles for questioning in connection with the death of 17-year-old LaQuinton Walker. He was found dead in a yard on Lowndes Street Sunday morning. Police are also looking for Darren Wilburn in connection with the killing. Chief Henry Randle says the two were in a fight and it's believed the shooting was in retaliation.

7/13 An arrest has been made in connection with the murders of two people in Tippah County mentioned July 6. Nakero Hamer Junior and Thomas Hamer, both 18, are charged with first degree murder in the case. Hamer and his two brothers were arrested during an FBI raid in April.

7/19 Law enforcement gathers in luka to remember state narcotics agent Lee Tartt, who died February 20 of last year as officers stormed a home to end a standoff with a man. Tartt's widow was on hand as a plaque was unveiled in the slain agent's honor.

7/26 A man has pleaded guilty to being an accessory to a 2015 murder of a Mantachie man. Prosecutors say Tyandre Thomas is one of five trying to steal a large stash of marijuana from Andre Taylor before Taylor was shot. Two others have pleaded guilty to lesser charges. Two others are awaiting trial.

7/28 A judge in Clay County Circuit Court has sentenced a teenager to 12 years in prison for the shooting death of his father. Devonte Kelly was only 14 years old when his father, Randy Kelly, died in 2013. The body was found on Lone Oak Drive. Devonte Kelly was originally charged with murder but pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

7/28 Booneville police have recovered a body found in some woods and have a person of interest in custody in connection with the case. Chief Michael Ramey says the victim is in her early 20s and the person of interest is in his early 20s. According to Ramey, the victim died from blunt force trauma and suffered several stab wounds.

7/31 Tupelo police have launched a homicide investigation after a woman's body was found at an apartment complex on Lumpkin Avenue. Officers showed up at apartment 3 at the Westwood

Apartments where the woman apparently died from a gunshot wound. There is no word of any arrests in the case.

8/1 Police have charged 22-year-old Mike Rutledge of Booneville with capital murder following the death of his wife, 35-year-old Laura Rutledge. The death was originally mentioned in the 7/28 post. Detectives believe she was being held against her will since she was found tied up with her hands behind her back in an area near her mother's home.

8/3 A man is charged with murder and aggravated assault after a woman's body was found with gunshot wounds and burned on Cockrell Quarters Road east of Brooksville. Marcus Gardner is accused of not only killing Chelsea Pace but shooting her 4-year-old son Javion Yarber. The boy was shot multiple times and is being treated at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

8/6 A person is dead following an overnight shooting in Corinth, and Alcorn County Coroner Jay Jones is confirming the death was a homicide. The fatal shot was fired at the corner of Meigg Street and Penn Street. There is no word yet of an arrest or a motive.

8/6 A woman is dead after being shot at the Kirkwood Apartments in Tupelo early Sunday morning. The husband of 23-year-old Carol Sharp told police the shooting was an accident, but detectives believe otherwise. He is scheduled to appear in Lee County Justice Court for an initial appearance on a murder charge.

8/7 Police in Corinth have arrested a man accused of shooting two people last weekend in the city. 51-year old James Meyers was caught after law enforcement received an anonymous tip as to his whereabouts. One of the shooting victims is still at The Med in Memphis in critical condition.

8/7 A judge has set bond at \$2 million for the man accused of killing his wife at a Tupelo apartment complex, which is referenced in the 8/6 entry. Police say James Sharp called 911 Saturday night claiming that Carol Sharp had shot herself. However, detectives quickly ruled that story to be false and ruled the case a homicide.

8/7 Jashon Coleman entered a guilty plea in Calhoun County Circuit Court in the February 2016 shooting death of James Pratt. Prosecutors say Coleman tried robbing Pratt outside the Bruce Bait Shop and Sporting Goods store before shooting Pratt multiple times. A judge sentenced Coleman to 40 years in prison.

8/8 Lee County sheriff's investigators are investigating a shooting at a house on County Road 659 where two people forced themselves inside by kicking through the front door. Law enforcement says the two opened fire on one of four people who lived at the home. The victim suffered several gunshot wounds and was found by deputies in the yard.

8/11 One of the suspects in the September 2016 shooting and robbery at the Randolph Post Office has pleaded guilty. Richard Thomas Scott of Alabama entered that plea in federal court in Oxford. He is accused of entering the post office and shooting the clerk before taking her purse. Sentencing is scheduled for December 7.

8/15 An infant is shot at a home in Grenada, apparently as the result of someone shooting someone else in the neighborhood. The victim is only 9-months old. The child was pronounced dead at the hospital in Grenada. Police say they have suspects in connection with the shooting. They are identified as John Brown and Shaquille Chamberlin. Both are charged with murder.

8/16 Someone suspected of robbing the Sonic restaurant on McCullough Boulevard in Tupelo is shot by police during an encounter not far from the restaurant. The suspect was taken to the hospital in Tupelo with what's described as non-life threatening injuries. The Mississippi Bureau

of Investigation has been called in to investigate the police shooting, which is standard procedure for such instances.

8/16 An arrest has been made in the July 9 shooting death of LaQuinton Walker. Charged in the case is D'Byron Rogers, who the victim's father says was acting innocently after the shooting. Both of the victim's parents say they are relieved an arrest has been made in the case.

8/17 Calhoun County sheriff's deputies have arrested a man accused of shooting someone in the face. The sheriff says Jose Rodriguez Cisneros of Pittsboro shot Billy Chaney of Bruce Sunday. Chaney was flown to a Memphis hospital where he's stable. Cisneros is charged with attempted murder, intimidating a witness and felony possession of a firearm. There's no word yet of a motive for the shooting.

8/23 A student at Nettleton High School was reported missing from school shortly after a loaded gun was found in a backpack on school property. One day later, it was revealed 16-year old La'Bryant Finnie is charged with possession of a weapon on school property. He's being charged as an adult after Lee County authorities discovered he was indicted by a Chickasaw County grand jury in July for 3 counts of sexual battery involving 2 victims.

8/24 A man is dead, and another is under arrest following a fatal shooting at the Brookville Garden Apartments in Starkville. The victim is 20-year-old Deontay Rogers of Starkville, who died at the hospital. There's no initial word as to who's being held or what the motive was for the shooting. However, 16-year-old Tomas Bradford is charged with murder. A judge set bond at \$2 million. Bradford was already out on a \$50,000 bond for the murder of a teenager on North Montgomery Street in March 2016.

8/24 A woman is in critical condition after Oxford police believe her boyfriend shot her in the head. The shooting happened just after midnight Thursday at the University Trails apartment complex. When police responded, they found 23-year-old Alisha Ray Smith wounded yet conscious. She is at The Med in Memphis. Police identify the victim's boyfriend as 28-year-old D'Marius Madkins.

8/24 A man charged with shooting a teenager has been convicted and sentenced to serve time in prison. Mark Coffey pleaded guilty in Lowndes County Circuit Court to aggravated assault. Coffey was arrested in December 2015 after getting into an argument at the Suds and Duds Laundromat in Columbus. Coffey shot into a car hitting a 16-year-old girl. He will serve 15 years behind bars and 5 years on post release supervision.

8/30 Police in Booneville have arrested a teenager accused of shooting into a car at the College View Apartments, which is outside of Northeast Mississippi Community College. The 16-year old boy is believed to have been staying with his sister at the apartments. It's not clear why the teen, whose name has not been released, was shooting at someone in the first place.

9/2 A person is recovering after being shot at a gas station in Columbus just down the street from the police department. It happened Friday night at the King's Court gas station on Main Street. Police say the victim, who was shot twice, did not suffer life threatening injuries. According to officers, the victim and suspect are apparently related, and a domestic violence incident led to the shooting.

9/2 Tupelo police are looking into the shooting of a 12-year old boy at the Oak Creek Apartments in the 500 block of Lumpkin Avenue. The victim is being treated at a Memphis hospital and is listed in critical condition. An 11-year old boy is under arrest facing an aggravated assault charge.

9/2 Union County sheriff's investigators are looking into a Friday night shooting that claimed the life of 56-year old Fred Nugent. It happened off County Road 68 near Myrtle involving lots 1 and 2 in an area that may best be described as a mobile home park. Sheriff Jimmy Edwards

says it appears one individual and another group were shooting at each other when the fatal shot was fired. A grand jury will decide if any criminal charges should be filed.

9/3 Columbus police are investigating a Sunday night shooting that sent one person to the hospital. Officers responded to a call about a man who was shot near 15th Avenue North and Martin Luther King Drive. The victim's name has not been released. He's only identified as a 32-year old man. It's not believed the victim suffered a life threatening wound. There's no word on a motive for the shooting.

9/6 A teen will be charged as an adult for shooting at passing cars near Northeast Mississippi Community College, which was referenced in the 8/30 entry. Booneville police have charged 16-year old Octravis Jamal Burress of Booneville with the felony of shooting into a motor vehicle and felony possession of a stolen firearm.

9/7 Tupelo police are asking for the public's help in solving a shooting overnight at the Hilldale Apartments where officers found a man suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was taken to the emergency room for treatment, and police say the injury does not seem to be life threatening. No suspects have been identified.

9/7 Corinth police are investigating a shooting that happened downtown at Madison and 3rd streets. According to officers, a man was sitting in his car with a woman when a man came up to the vehicle. Police say the two men began to argue, and that's when the driver pulled out a gun and shot the man who approached the vehicle in the stomach. Chief Ralph Dance says the victim will be okay.

9/12 The Winston County Sheriff's Department is investigating a shooting that occurred Sunday morning at the Spotlight Lounge north of Louisville. A security guard at the club was shot in the back and arm and is listed in serious but stable condition at a Jackson hospital. No arrest has been made as of yet. However, law enforcement does have a suspect in mind, Lance Earnest. It was later revealed the shooting happened as the guard was trying to break up a fight.

9/12 Law enforcement in Alabama is looking into the fatal shooting of a 12-year old boy Monday night at a home in Vernon. The home is located at 4th Street Southwest. The body of Jerron Barnes has been sent for an autopsy. At the moment, no arrests have been made in the case.

9/15 The suspect in the Winston County nightclub shooting referenced in the 9/12 entry has been found. Lance Earnest turned himself in to law enforcement in the Jackson area. He is back in jail in Winston County.

9/15 It's back to jail for a Lowndes County man accused in a March shooting outside the Princess Theater in downtown Columbus. 31-year old Morris Lanier is accused of threatening a witness after Lanier was indicted in connection with the crime. No bond has been set following his arrest.

TOPIC **Police Performance**

Program Title: WLOV News

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

Detailed Description: Some high profile cases have led to increased scrutiny of local police and how officers perform. Coverage of the examples cited may carry over from the previous quarter:

7/13 Tupelo Police Chief Bart Aguirre appeared before the city's new Police Advisory Board to share crime statistics. He says there were 308 arrests made by officers and 650 complaints filed by citizens. Police say there have been a lot of armed robberies lately as well as shootings, but

the chief adds that statistics show the number of shootings this year is lower than what was reported in 1998.

7/31 A consultant hired to review the Columbus Police Department is recommending a change of leadership in the department. That came in a lengthy report paid for by the city as to what needs to be done to improve the department. Consultant K.B. Turner says Chief Oscar Lewis has waited too long to fill openings on the force. The City Council will discuss the report at its next meeting.

8/15 Supporters of Columbus Police Chief Oscar Lewis turn out at the City Council meeting to express support for the chief. The show of support comes two weeks after a consultant issued a report recommending Chief Oscar Lewis be dismissed, saying he has not moved quickly enough to fill openings on the force. The City Council decided to keep Lewis but have him follow a plan of action to address concerns in the report.

8/17 Tupelo Police Officer Tyler Cook has asked a federal judge to issue an order of summary judgment in a lawsuit filed against him over the 2016 shooting death of Antwun Shumpert. Cook says the Shumpert family has "no genuine issue of material fact" in its lawsuit. The family is suing the officer and the city for \$35 million. A Lee County grand jury reviewed the shooting and determined a crime had not been committed.

8/24 The Columbus Civil Service Commission has upheld the 28-day suspension of Officer Jared Booth for violating the city's social media policy. It was revealed during a hearing that Booth made several posts on Facebook, including calling former Officer Canyon Boykin gay, another that had a racial slur and one that was considered sexual harassment. Booth made these posts in April, and one of them was made while he was on duty.

9/13 A settlement has been reached in a high profile civil suit filed by a former Columbus police officer. Canyon Boykin filed a wrongful termination suit against the city of Columbus. Boykin was indicted in the shooting death of 26-year old Ricky Ball in 2015. His attorney, Jim Waide, says the amount of the settlement is confidential. Boykin is expected to start his criminal trial next month in South Mississippi.

9/13 A Columbus police officer is coming under fire for how he handled a traffic stop last month. Officer Keith Dowd is heard on his bodycam video saying he could empty the magazine of his gun in the driver's car. The driver, Josh Hibbler, has filed a complaint with the city saying the officer insulted and harassed him and forced him to lie. In response, the city has placed Dowd on paid administrative leave.

9/14 The citizens police overview committee in Columbus is recommending that Officer Keith Dowd be fired for his actions cited in the 9/13 entry. That was the result of an executive session held by the committee just one day after what had happened during the August 18 traffic stop came to light. Chief Oscar Lewis was expected to make a recommendation to the City Council as to what should happen to Dowd, but the officer instead resigned from the force.

TOPIC **Jail Inmate Escapes**

Program Title: WLOV News Date: Various
Time: Various Duration: Various

Detailed Description: In the area lately, there have been multiple instances of inmates either escaping from jail or trying to get out. Below are some of the stories we have done where we have reported the escapes or showed how local law enforcement is trying to prevent future escapes:

7/5 A man arrested recently for armed robbery and kidnapping now faces jail escape charges. The Lee County Sheriff's Department reports that David Johnson attempted to escape custody from the county jail on 7/4. The sheriff says the inmate attempted to scale the fence and was later apprehended. Johnson was arrested previously for leaving a rehab facility and holding an elderly man at knife point.

7/26 The escape of three inmates from the Prentiss County jail last month has the sheriff re-evaluating security there. Sheriff Randy Tolar says cameras were not working and locks were malfunctioning when that escape happened. In response, 16 cameras have been reinstalled. All 16 can be monitored from the sheriff's cell phone. Steel plates have been put over jail windows along with extra hinges on the gates and deadbolt locks on the doors. The sheriff says he is going to implement procedural changes to ensure jailers do their job properly.

7/29 A trusty at the Webster County jail escaped last night before lockdown by taking a sheriff's vehicle. Brian Dale James was serving time for burglary, and Sheriff Tim Mitchell says James never gave any indication he would be a threat to leave, which is why he had access to a law enforcement vehicle. James was found at his girlfriend's house in Choctaw County and is back in custody. The stolen vehicle was also recovered.

8/12 An inmate convicted of robbery, sexual battery and kidnapping is back in jail after his escape from the Oktibbeha County jail last night. Sheriff's deputies say Terry Hill apparently got out of the jail through the attic and left still wearing his plaid pajama pants and a t-shirt. Hill was found this morning at a home in Okolona, which is approximately 30 miles away from where he was serving 105 years for his crimes.

9/2-3 Lowndes County sheriff's deputies are looking for an inmate who escaped from the county jail just one day after his arrest in connection with multiple convenience store holdups. Sheriff Mike Arledge says what appears to have happened is that Delvin Moore got an object and put it in the lock mechanism of a door. The sheriff adds that when the jailer shut the door, he thought it was shut and it wasn't. Arledge says jailers should have double checked and made sure the door that Moore escaped through was locked.

9/6 Changes have been made at the Tishomingo County jail after two inmates escaped earlier this year. The upgrades include an extra door from the inmate holding cells, which have bars bolted into cement. Additional razor wire was added around the facility and at the bottom of the jail's fencing. Sheriff John Daughtery says a new computer tracking systems for inmates will be installed as well.

9/18-19 A search is underway for two escapees from the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman. Law enforcement says James Sanders and Ryan Young got away from Unit 30 last night. Sanders was convicted of murder in Lafayette County Circuit Court in 2000. Young was serving time for a burglary conviction in Claiborne County. Both are described as armed and dangerous. A \$2,500 reward has been added in hopes that it will lead to their arrests.

TOPIC **Politics**

Program Title: WLOV News

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

Detailed Description: Most communities across Mississippi held municipal elections in June, but some communities still had to fill government positions for a variety of reasons. People in Alabama suddenly faced having to decide on a U.S. Senate seat when the current governor ruled against a previous governor and moved a special election for the seat to this year. Here is a sampling of stories that we covered concerning both:

7/3 Lynn Spruill took the oath of office to become Starkville's new mayor. She narrowly defeated Johnny Moore in the Democratic primary, which decided the race. However, Moore disputes the outcome of that primary and is taking the matter to court. Spruill says she can't worry about that and is moving forward with her new job.

7/9 A hearing on candidate Johnny Moore's challenge to the results of Starkville's mayoral race is set for Thursday. Starkville Democratic leaders upheld Lynn Spruill's victory even though Moore's attorney argued that a signature issue between the city and the party meant the election was invalid. The attorney also said Starkville breached an agreement by using paper ballots instead of machines.

7/13 Special Judge Barry Ford has ruled that Johnny Moore can proceed with his challenge of the Democratic primary for mayor of Starkville. The attorney for Lynn Spruill made an unsuccessful attempt to get the challenge dismissed. However, Spruill's attorney could appeal that decision to the Mississippi Supreme Court.

7/18 Another general election was held in Caledonia to replace the one held last month. That came about when it was discovered that an election commissioner had taken home one of the ballot boxes when there had been a tie in the race for mayor. In the end, Alderman Mitch Wiggins defeated incumbent Bill Lawrence to take the top job at Town Hall.

7/19 A date has now been set for a special election to fill the seat of outgoing state Representative Tyrone Ellis. Ellis is retiring after 38 years of service in the Mississippi House of Representatives. Governor Phil Bryant has set November 7 as the date for the special election for House District 38 which covers Clay, Lowndes and Oktibbeha counties. The qualifying deadline is September 18. If needed, a runoff will be held on November 28.

7/23 The deadline to register to vote is near in Alabama's U.S Senate primary. Voters have through July 31 to register to vote in the August 15 primary. Many Republicans and Democrats may be looking to replace Attorney General Jeff Sessions in the U.S. Senate. A primary runoff, if needed, will be held on September 26. The general election will be held December 12.

7/26 Four candidates have filed to run for an open seat on the Aberdeen Board of Aldermen. Cloyd Garth Junior, Terry Morgan, Curley Payne and Doug Stone are vying to represent Ward 2. The seat came open when Garth's mother Lady Garth stepped down. The special election is set for August 15.

7/28 There's a new person to qualify in the Oktibbeha County circuit clerk's race. The Starkville Daily News reports she's Elaine Boykin Turner. Turner is an administrative assistant at Mississippi State University. Currently, there are three other candidates running in the November 7 special election.

8/6 A special election will be held for Oktibbeha County chancery clerk. The special election will fill the seat of five-term chancery clerk Monica Banks, who died in September after an extended illness. Sharon Livingston has been serving as the interim chancery clerk since early October. The election will be held November 7.

8/8 Lower voter turnout is expected in next week's U.S. Senate primary for Attorney General Jeff Sessions' old Senate seat. Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill is projecting that 20 percent to 25 percent of voters will go to the polls next Tuesday. The summer special election comes at a time that voters aren't accustomed to going to the polls.

8/9 President Donald Trump is endorsing Alabama U.S. Senator Luther Strange in a special primary election next week. Trump writes on Twitter that Strange "has done a great job representing the people of the great state of Alabama." Strange was recently appointed to the Senate seat previously held by now-Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

8/10 Former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore is downplaying President Donald Trump's endorsement of Luther Strange in the Alabama GOP primary for U.S. Senate. Moore leads the primary field in recent polls. The primary is set for August 15. With nine Republicans and seven Democrats competing in the special election, it's likely there will be a runoff.

8/15 Two local elections are heading for runoffs next month. The Aberdeen race for alderman in Ward 2 will be a runoff between Cloyd Garth Junior and Doug Stone. The GOP primary for Alabama U.S. Senate will be between incumbent Luther Strange and former state Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore. Former U.S. Attorney Doug Jones won the Democratic nomination and will advance to the December general election.

8/21 In Starkville, a judge has denied a motion filed by Starkville Mayor Lynn Spruill to dismiss an election challenge by the candidate she defeated in the Democratic primary. The primary was a tight one with the city's Democratic Executive Committee giving the race to Spruill over Johnny Moore. But Moore says there were voting irregularities. The judge did, however, allow Spruill to appeal this decision.

8/23 A federal jury has ordered Chickasaw County to pay damages to a man fired from his job as a solid waste enforcement officer and court bailiff. Laman Griggs sued the county saying he lost his job because he ran for sheriff against long time chief deputy Jim Meyers, who won the election. Griggs' attorney Jim Waide says the jury awarded his client more than \$83,000 in compensatory damages following a three day trial in Oxford.

9/8 The Starkville Daily News reports state Representative Tyrone Ellis officially endorses Cheikh Taylor. The outgoing Starkville Democrat put his support behind Taylor in the upcoming November special election to fill his seat. Ellis will retire after serving 38 years in the state Legislature.

9/11 U.S. Senator Roger Wicker could be targeted in his reelection bid by a candidate supported by allies of President Trump strategist Steve Bannon. Politico reports Bannon is looking to support candidates against incumbents aligned with the GOP establishment. There's been talk state Senator Chris McDaniel could challenge Wicker in 2018. McDaniel was endorsed by Trump in an unsuccessful 2014 U.S. Senate bid against incumbent Thad Cochran.

9/14 Starkville Mayor Lynn Spruill is asking the Mississippi Supreme Court to throw out a judge's ruling regarding a challenge to the recent election. Spruill defeated Johnny Moore by seven votes to win the mayoral election. Moore challenged the election in Oktibbeha County Circuit Court and asked a judge to declare a new election because of voting irregularities.

9/22 President Donald Trump comes to Alabama to campaign on behalf of U.S. Senator Luther Strange. The incumbent faces a tough challenge from former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore in Tuesday's GOP runoff. The president said if Strange lost, however, he would support Moore. Meanwhile, Vice President Mike Pence is scheduled to come to Alabama Monday to campaign on Strange's behalf.

9/26 The results from Tuesday's GOP runoff in Alabama for the U.S. Senate gives the party's nomination to former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who defeated incumbent Luther Strange 55 percent to 45 percent. Turnout for the runoff was below 15 percent. Moore advances to the December general election against Democratic nominee Doug Jones.

TOPIC **Education**

Program Title: WLOV News

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

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

7/13 A teacher in Bruce, Mary Burt, is in trouble with the law charged with DUI, possession of alcohol and possession of a controlled substance. According to the state, a school teacher will not lose his or her teaching license for a first offense DUI but could if convicted for having a controlled substance.

7/17 The Tupelo Public School District is like many districts in the state in that it has a shortage of math teachers and of all teachers on the elementary level. Superintendent Gearl Loden says it tries to recruit teachers by offering incentives, such as memberships at the North Mississippi Medical Center Wellness Center and teacher training. Even with that, Loden says the shortage will not go away anytime soon.

7/19 In Corinth, 40 kids from around the region got the chance to broaden their career horizons at the annual Tiger Workforce Camp. Each year at the Corinth campus of Northeast Mississippi Community College, at-risk kids ages 10-16 get a chance to look into new career possibilities. Entrepreneurship is a major part of the 4-day camp as well as advanced manufacturing techniques like 3D printing and laser cutting.

7/27 A lawsuit has been filed against the Starkville-Oktibbeha School District by five former teachers. The five say they were discriminated against based on their age and race. The teachers say they were promised jobs when the county and city consolidated the school districts. At this point, the school district is not making any comment in response.

8/3 This is the first day of classes for the Aberdeen School District under local control rather than state control. It's also the first semester for Jeff Clay as superintendent. Several parents, including Mayor Maurice Howard, were concerned with the school board's decision to go with Clay instead of former principal Cloyd Garth. Still, Clay says he plans to keep improving the school's grades and looks forward to his new position.

8/3 The family of Aiden Roberson says he was left in a bus at the Corinth School District bus barn and was forgotten before bus drivers realized what had happened. But Corinth Superintendent Lee Childress says Aiden could not have made it that far unnoticed. He said it's thanks to an alarm that can only be shut off by the bus driver.

8/15 Governor Phil Bryant has announced the Complete 2 Compete initiative. It targets more than 130,000 former college students, including more than 30,000 who have enough credits to earn a degree with no further coursework. People can submit information to a website at no cost to determine how close they are to completing a degree and suggest schools that offer classes needed to complete a degree.

8/16 The Mississippi Department of Education is proposing an adjustment to how many schools receive a certain grade. If approved, 14 districts would get an A, and 21 districts would get an F. Basically, there would be more A districts and fewer F districts. A parents group is not happy about the possibility, but the state says the change would put the grading where it should be.

8/22 A Lowndes County grand jury has indicted the former band director at Caledonia High School on three counts of touching a child for lustful purposes. The indictment says the three instances occurred between August and September of last year. There's no word on when David Chambers could go on trial for the crimes.

9/14 The Alabama Board of Education has named former superintendent Ed Richardson as interim Superintendent of Education. Board members by an 8-1 vote picked Richardson to temporarily take the helm of the state's public schools following the resignation of Superintendent Michael Sentance. Alabama Governor Kay Ivey said that Richardson will provide a steady hand while the state searches for a permanent replacement.

9/20 Tupelo school officials met to review how well the district handled the recent severe storms that passed through with Hurricane Harvey. Students were released from school early, and district officials say they were pleased with how that worked. They also reviewed recent school shootings in Washington, Ohio and Georgia to see if anything could be learned that could help in something similar happened here.

9/20 The Mississippi University for Women and Itawamba Community College are partnering together to give students who wish to pursue a health career an easy transition in obtaining a bachelor's degree. Students who complete an Associate of Applied Science degree from a Mississippi community college will be allowed to transfer up to 43 credit hours to the Bachelor of Applied Sciences at MUW.

Program Title: Assignment Education Date: Various
Time: Various Duration: Various
Detailed Description: A weekly segment featuring interesting programs/initiatives by local schools/programs. The segments we aired include:

8/3 Students in the Corinth School District returned today for the first day of fall classes. They enjoyed a shorter summer break this year because the district is now employing a year round schedule, a first for the area. The modified school calendar means a three week break after the first and third nine weeks.

8/10 Joy Copeland is a 50-year employee of the Lee County School District, working in the cafeteria. She says things have changed since starting with the district. In the beginning, the food was made from scratch. Also, the campus where she works was originally Saltillo High School. It's now Saltillo Elementary School.

8/17 Guntown Middle School is incorporating the upcoming eclipse into the curriculum. It's not just being discussed in science. It is also being used in English and American History. For example, students learned that the eclipse played a role in the travels of Christopher Columbus.

8/24 The Mississippi School for Math and Science is the high school where the best and brightest in the Magnolia State are challenged academically. While the heart of the program is science, technology, engineering and mathematics, educators at the school in Columbus provide opportunities for students to excel in the arts. They are also given an opportunity to conduct weekly research at Mississippi State University.

8/31 This is the third year that Mississippi's youngest students are making higher marks when it comes to reading. Okolona Elementary scored in the top 10 in the state for its growth in reading improvement. Educators there have spent the past two years working on a game plan to bring those scores up. It includes focusing on phonics and word families. Hands on activities are also used to support reading skills.

9/7 Educators at Rankin Elementary in Tupelo are using the book "The Dot" in math, English and art to teach students that each person is valued. "The Dot" is a book about a child discovering a talent. For example, educators are teaching third, fourth and fifth grade students that each student is an artist. Some classes are even studying how the brain works.

9/14 In order to serve more pre-K children this year, Title One funding at the Early Childhood Education center was reallocated to hire more general education teachers. By doing that, however, ECEC lost its music teacher. However, several educators brainstormed to create what's now known as Art Integration Friday or Arts Friday to make up for that loss.

9/21 A public school in Pontotoc is helping blind students find their way toward independence. 16-year-old Tanner Clayton is one of those helped by Sommer Thornton, who works with the blind and visually impaired by teaching Braille. Thornton also teaches her students how to use several tools, such as a Braille notetaker, which is a computer without a screen.

TOPIC **Economy**

Program Title: WLOV News

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

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

7/5 Tupelo's Fairpark District is growing with the construction of a mixed use building that will have first floor retail space, restaurants and upper floor office space with a public plaza. The city says the addition will create more than 100 jobs. The city is spending \$3 million on infrastructure, including new streets connected to Elizabeth Street and more parking. The project should be completed next year.

7/20 Move Mississippi Forward and the Mississippi Economic Council say a new study shows the auto industry is the fastest growing industry in the state, employing more than 18,000 workers statewide. The study was released in the shadow of a looming United Auto Workers Union vote at the Nissan plant in Canton where workers are hoping to gain leverage for better pay and working conditions. Economic leaders are concerned that vote could make companies hesitate to bring their business to the state.

8/2 Forty jobs will be created in a \$4 million expansion of New Albany's S and A Industries. The company supplies products to Toyota and major automotive suppliers. It is building a new 52,500 square-foot manufacturing facility in the Glenfield Industrial Park. Two existing New Albany facilities will be merged, allowing the new manufacturing operations.

8/2 Tupelo is playing host to a regional swim meet, and it's expected to bring a boost to the local economy. Athletes and their families from across the Southeast U.S. are expected to fill hotel rooms and spend money in restaurants. For example, Mugshots Bar and Grill says it expects double the normal crowd during the meet. The Hilton Garden Inn across the street says it is sold out during the event.

8/10 Slowly going into effect at the beginning of next year, the Taxpayer Pay Raise Act will give all Mississippians more money back on their income tax returns. It will also eliminate the corporate franchise tax completely by 2028. Supporters say getting rid of the tax is necessary since only 17 states have a corporate franchise tax. Opponents, however, says the state can't afford to lose the revenue.

8/28 Governor Phil Bryant plans to lead a state business trip to India in September. A spokesman says the trip is sponsored by the Mississippi Development Authority, the state agency that seeks to create jobs. The trip is expected to occur from September 11 to September 15.

9/19 Borg Warner is investing \$20 million to expand its plant in Water Valley. The expansion is expected to add 75 new jobs over the next two years. Borg Warner currently employs nearly 500 people at its North Mississippi plant.

9/22 The Magnolia State ranks ninth in the country in solar power growth, according to the Mississippi Business Journal. The solar power industry added nearly 900 jobs in the state last year. Across the U.S., more than \$23 billion dollars have been invested in solar projects in the past year.

TOPIC
Weather

Program Title: WLOV News Date: Various
Time: Various Duration: Various

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

7/3 Line after line of storms rolled through North Mississippi and Alabama this evening, producing lightning, heavy rain, strong winds and some causing damage. One of the harder hit areas was Prentiss County. Strong winds knocked down several trees and damaged homes. Emergency management described the damage as if a tornado hit the area. One home on the Tippah-Prentiss county line lost almost its entire roof. About 20 people helped to put a roof back on it.

7/16 The U.S. Small Business Administration is reminding businesses, non-profit groups, homeowners and renters in Mississippi of the August 11 deadline to submit disaster loan applications for damage. That damage was caused by the April 30 storms in Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Grenada and Webster counties. Businesses and non-profits may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace assets.

7/16 A man in New Hope says he's thankful the lightning that destroyed a shed on his property did not destroy his home. The fire that resulted from the lightning strike destroyed a boat, a lawnmower and tools that Thurston Butler had stored there. Butler says he plans to build a new shed to replace the one that was lost.

8/31 The remnants of Hurricane Harvey triggered multiple tornado warnings across the area, which prompted our meteorologists to interrupt regular programming for live coverage. Tornadoes caused damage in northwest Itawamba County and in Prentiss County south of Booneville. A tornado was confirmed on the north side of Tupelo, and it was seen on live television through the WTVA HD Towercam. The most significant tornado was in Pickens County, Alabama, where a twister stayed on the ground for approximately 30 miles causing damage.

TOPIC
Solar Eclipse

Program Title: WLOV News Date: Various
Time: Various Duration: Various

Detailed Description: The August 21 solar eclipse is an event that captured the attention of people all across the viewing area. Even though our area was not in the line of totality, there was great interest in what would happen in the sky. Below is a sampling of our coverage of this event, which included special programming:

8/13 Meteorologist Joel Young breaks down for people what to expect on the day of the eclipse as the minutes go by.

8/14 Chief meteorologist Matt Laubhan shares the safest way to view the eclipse. Direct viewing of the sun can cause lasting damage to your vision.

8/15 Emma Packard shares what local law enforcement is doing to prepare for the eclipse. One concern is traffic and what drivers will do to get a glimpse at the event in the sky.

8/16 Mike Russell searches for hotel rooms in Nashville, which is the line of totality, and finds that prices have spiked since there's so much interest in the eclipse.

8/17 Meteorologist Joel Young explores the science behind the upcoming eclipse as well as the impact on technology.

8/18 Daniella Oropeza speaks to a couple of people who look at the eclipse from a religious aspect. One says this could be a sign that the end of the world is near.

8/19 Meteorologist Alan Matthew reviews the weather impacts from the solar eclipse. For example, there will be a sudden temperature drop with the moon passing in front of the sun.

8/20 Meteorologist John Dolusic looks back at the "great" eclipses of the past and looks ahead as far as when the next ones will happen.

8/20 A 30 minute special, "The Darkest Hour," includes all of the stories previously mentioned. The program aired on WLOV at 2 p.m..

8/21 Coverage of the eclipse, Symone Woolridge provided reports from Mississippi State University while Shante Sumpter provided reports from the University of Mississippi. Matt Laubhan and Emily Leonard provided reports from St. Joseph, Missouri, one of the communities in the line of totality. Joel Young also reported from outside of Nashville in the line of totality. Meteorologist Alan Matthew provided updates in studio.

TOPIC

Health Care

Program Title: WLOV News

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

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

7/7 Local residents who take their children to the Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis may be able to save time and money thanks to the opening of a center in Tupelo. This outpatient center has 12,000 square feet on Commonwealth Boulevard with 19 exam rooms including the latest in diagnostic technology. At least 15 doctors will work at the clinic daily.

7/17 Baptist Memorial Hospital-Calhoun County and Baptist Memorial Hospital-Union County will soon have a new ambulance service. The two facilities have entered into a partnership with Priority Ambulance to provide all patient medical transport services to the hospitals. Pending approval, the service will start next month. Baptist Memorial Hospital-Booneville entered into an agreement with Priority Ambulance in June.

7/24 Medical debt is the leading cause of bankruptcies in Mississippi. A study by the Urban Institute shows more than 37 percent of Mississippians ages 18-64 report past-due medical debt. The Mississippi Health Advocacy Program says bankruptcies have actually been reduced nationwide and in Mississippi as a result of Obamacare. According to the organization, that's

mostly because of the consumer protections like mandated coverage regardless of pre-existing conditions.

7/28 The Mississippi attorney general's office is giving some guidance concerning a November 7 referendum on whether Oktibbeha County should sell the county hospital. According to the attorney general's office, county supervisors should have access to information regarding the sale of the hospital. The agency adds neither the public nor supervisors can spend public money to advocate for or against a hospital sale.

8/9 North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo has formally dedicated renovations to its chapel on the third floor. It includes stained glass, a new piano and flooring, all new seating and a reconfigured layout with enhanced accessibility. Across the hall, a new meditation room provides staff and patients with a calming environment for a quiet respite.

8/25 North Mississippi Medical center in Tupelo says it's still seeing Blue Cross patients even though the hospital is suing the insurer. The hospital filed suit Thursday against Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi. The hospital says it could lose up to \$14 million this year, accusing the insurer of not paying enough for patient services. Blue Cross counters by saying it does not believe it is violating its contract.

8/31 The CEO of Baptist Memorial Hospital – Union County was arrested Wednesday after a run-in at the hospital with sheriff's deputies. Walter Grace apparently lost his temper with deputies in the emergency room area. Deputies and one of the investigators were out at the hospital investigating a motor vehicle accident that had happened earlier in the day in an attempt to determine if one of the drivers might have been impaired. The sheriff says Grace tried to prevent officers from checking on one of the drivers.

9/21 Columbus police are concerned about a rash of break-ins outside of Baptist Memorial Hospital. Dozens of people reported their car windows smashed out in the past couple of months. Most of these are reported on the south side of the hospital near the walking track. Assistant Police Chief Fred Shelton says it's important for women to not leave their purses in the car.

9/26 Oktibbeha County supervisors met privately to discuss bids by companies wanting to buy OCH Regional Medical Center. An assessment showed the hospital is not generating enough cash to compete with larger health care systems. Supervisors have not revealed who is bidding for the hospital and say they will decide what information should be made public since there is a November 7 referendum on the hospital sale proposal.

National:

TOPIC **Presidential Politics**

Program Title: WLOV News

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

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

7/4 The White House confirms President Trump will hold an official bilateral meeting with Russian leader Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of this week's G-20 Summit in Germany. Trump will also meet with German Chancellor Angela Merkel during the Hamburg event. The Putin meeting will be the first full-fledged bilateral meeting between a U.S. and Russian leader in two years.

7/10 The Trump team is downplaying a New York Times report about a recently disclosed meeting between the president's son Donald Trump, Jr., his son-in-law Jared Kushner, then campaign chair Paul Manafort and a Russian lawyer last summer after she promised damaging information on Hillary Clinton and the Democrats. Trump Junior claims she really wanted to talk about a Russian adoption program. The president's legal team adds the president was not aware of and did not attend the meeting.

7/17 President Trump's job performance approval has dropped to 36%. That's according to a new poll by The Washington Post and ABC News. 58% of respondents said they disapprove of his performance in the Oval Office. ABC News says no other president in the past 70 years had such a low approval rating at the six-month mark of his tenure.

7/18 President Trump says he's very disappointed in the failure of the GOP bill that would have repealed Obamacare. He repeated a threat often made to let the Affordable Care Act fail and replace it later. But Trump also trained his criticism on Republican lawmakers saying they've claimed for 7 years they want to repeal and replace Obamacare but couldn't get the job done when given the chance.

7/26 President Trump says only time will tell whether Attorney General Jeff Sessions stays or goes. The former U.S. senator from Alabama was one of Trump's first public supporters during the campaign. The president reportedly was privately fuming and is now increasingly publically frustrated with Sessions for recusing himself in the Russia investigation.

7/29 President Trump is remodeling his senior team by installing a new Chief of Staff beginning Monday. John Kelly switches chairs in the cabinet room, going from Homeland Security Secretary to Chief of Staff. Some believe Kelly's combat experience instead of political connections may bring new structure to the president's team if he's given enough authority.

8/4 The Wall Street Journal is reporting a grand jury has been impaneled by the special counsel investigating possible links between Russia and Donald Trump's presidential campaign. The paper reports that the grand jury is a new and significant development in special counsel Robert Mueller's probe into whether Trump or his top advisers colluded with Moscow to advance the Republican's presidential campaign in 2016.

8/9 President Trump is endorsing Alabama U.S. Senator Luther Strange in a special primary election next week. Trump writes on Twitter that Strange "has done a great job representing the people of the great state of Alabama." Strange was recently appointed to the Senate seat previously held by now-Attorney general Jeff Sessions.

8/15 President Trump denounced white supremacist hate groups after intense criticism over the weekend for failing to do so in the immediate aftermath of the Charlottesville, Virginia, car attack. Trump called racism "evil" and labeled those who cause violence in its name "criminals and thugs." He also called white supremacist hate groups "repugnant" to everything Americans hold dear.

8/17 President Trump dissolves two of his economic advisory councils after multiple CEOs quit. The president announced his decision to end the Manufacturing Council and Strategy and Policy Forum Council in a tweet. It comes after a rash of CEOs quit the councils in the wake of Trump's response to the violence in Charlottesville.

8/18 White House chief strategist Steve Bannon is leaving. His departure comes amid reports of clashes with the president's son-in-law Jared Kushner and other top aides. Calls for him to leave grew louder following the Charlottesville attack. A statement says the decision was mutually agreed upon after Bannon met with Chief of Staff John Kelly.

9/2 President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump visited a church today in Houston where they loaded vehicles with hurricane relief supplies. The city experienced significant flooding from Hurricane Harvey. Trump praised Texas Governor Greg Abbott for the state's response to the hurricane. The president had already visited Corpus Christi, which is close to where the hurricane made landfall.

9/5 The Trump administration announces it is getting rid of the program that allows children who entered the country illegally to avoid deportation. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said there will be a phased termination schedule to allow Congress six months to pass legislation that could eventually save the Obama-era program. President Trump later said that if Congress fails to act in the six month period, he may revisit the issue.

9/9 President Trump urged any U.S. residents still in Hurricane Irma's path to "just get out of its way" and not worry about their properties or possessions. Trump met with his cabinet at Camp David today and said he's monitoring the hurricane as it barrels toward Florida and is staying in close contact with state and local officials.

9/19 In his first United Nations speech, President Trump threatens to totally destroy North Korea and calls the country's leader "Rocket Man." In his forty minute speech, the president warned the U.N. that the world faces great peril from rogue regimes. He also remained critical of the world body but said the U.S. would be willing to pay more of its fair share to the U.N. if it produced results.

9/22 President Trump signs off on additional sanctions on North Korea. They will target people, companies and banks who do business with North Korea, and he announced the "complete de-nuclearization" of that country as America's goal. The president said that North Korea has for 25 years been getting away with "abuse" of the financial system, which has funded its nuclear development program.

9/23 President Trump's comments about NFL players kneeling at games during the national anthem has triggered responses by the league's owners and players expressing opposition. Trump said in Huntsville, Alabama, during a campaign appearance for U.S. Senator Luther Strange that he would like to see an owner fire a player who kneeled during "The Star Spangled Banner."