



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

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Violent Crime

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

Date: Various

Time: Various

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Detailed Description: Safety is a concern for people across North Mississippi, and the first quarter of 2018 has had its share of violent crime. Below are some of the more high-profile cases we have covered on air and online as well as efforts by law enforcement to reduce those crimes and to bring those charged to justice:

4/2 West Point police have made a second arrest in connection to Saturday's shooting at a gas station. Michael Ewing of Aberdeen was arrested Monday and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Police believe Ewing was the shooter. The shooting happened Saturday at the Texaco station on Highway 45 South. No one was injured. This marks the second arrest made in the case. Alonzo Seals has been charged with accessory after the fact. Police originally reported his charge as aggravated assault.

4/3 Verona police have a person in custody for questioning following a fatal shooting at a car wash. The shooting happened on March 22 at the car wash near Wheel City on Raymone Avenue. Jazken Green, 26, was shot and later died. After the shooting, Verona police identified a suspect as Jarnavis D. Chandler. However, Verona Police Chief J.B. Long says the person in custody is not Chandler. He is still wanted.

4/4 A second arrest has been made in connection to an armed robbery in Oxford. On Tuesday, April 3, Oxford police arrested 20-year-old Daner Deon Ford of Greenville on one count of armed robbery. His bond was set at \$10,000. This is for the March 31 armed robbery and assault of a man near Harris Drive. On Monday, April 2, police arrested 18-year-old Lekendrick Ford on one count of armed robbery in the case.

4/11 A Columbus woman is accused of stabbing another person and biting a nurse at the hospital. Emma Jean Conner, 47, is being held in the Lowndes County jail for the April 10 incident. Police say the incident happened sometime near 10 p.m. at her residence on 6th Avenue North. Conner is accused of stabbing another person in the neck following an argument. Police responded to the call, and both the victim and Conner were taken to Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle. The condition of the stabbing victim is unknown at this time.

4/12 A person is in serious condition following a noontime shooting in Hamilton. Monroe County Sheriff Cecil Cantrell says the shooting happened Thursday on Belair Drive. Cantrell says the male victim was shot in the upper leg. A man has been taken into custody. Cantrell identifies the suspect as 38-year Michael Mitchell of Hamilton. He's charged with aggravated assault. Cantrell says Mitchell came to an apartment, kicked open the door and got into an altercation with another man. The motive for this shooting is still under investigation.

4/12 A Brandon man is behind bars accused of kidnapping and rape. Dustin McGee, 20, was arrested by the Oxford Police Department following an investigation. He was taken into the Lafayette County Detention Center where his bond was set at \$20,000. Oxford Police tweeted out Thursday evening that people have already reached out with information on past encounters with McGee.

4/13 An escapee from Noxubee County is accused of holding two people at knifepoint just before his capture in Alabama. Kevin G. Rush, 36, did not return to his work detail on Wednesday, April 11, in Noxubee County. He was captured on Friday, April 13 in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Rush was spotted in Tuscaloosa Friday driving a vehicle believed to be stolen from Mississippi. A chase followed, ending with Rush crashing the vehicle on 29th Avenue in Tuscaloosa. Police say he fled the scene on foot and kicked in the back door of a nearby residence. Police say he held two people at knifepoint. After making contact with Rush, police say he led them on a short foot pursuit. He was then taken into custody.

4/19 Bond was denied for a 22-year-old charged with murder in Alcorn County. Alize Boyd made his initial appearance on Wednesday, April 18 where his bond was denied. He's charged with two counts of murder and one count of attempted murder following the Monday, April 16 shooting in Farmington. The surviving victim, Paula Russell, is still listed in stable condition at a local hospital.

4/19 A Holly Springs man is accused of shooting at another man Thursday in Oxford. On Thursday, April 19, Oxford police responded to a "shots fired" call in the area of Rockette's gas station on Molly Barr Road. No one was injured, but police say two men were fighting and shots were fired. Police took a suspect into custody. That suspect was later identified as 25-year-old Xzaien Shipp.

4/20 An arrest warrant has been issued for a man accused of shooting his father in the neck earlier this week. The warrant is for Keith Blakney, charged with aggravated assault. He's accused of pulling the trigger during the Tuesday, April 17 shooting. Iuka police say he shot his father George Allred after a heated argument with Allred and his son Morgan Blakney. The shooting happened at Keith Blakney's home on Walters Road.

4/21 The Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a homicide. Sheriff James Meyers confirms a female victim was found dead off of Hwy 41 north of Okolona. His office received a call around 6:00 Sunday morning. The victim's family is being notified.

4/22 Sheriff James Meyers confirmed the woman found dead in Chickasaw County is believed to have been beaten to death by her husband. Sheriff Meyers says they believe the man assaulted and killed his wife and then attempted to kill himself at their home off of Highway 41 north of Okolona. The victim is confirmed as Childa Stevens. The sheriff's department received a call around 6 a.m. Sunday from the victim's husband, Fred Stevens, saying he needed an ambulance. When deputies arrived, they found Childa Stevens dead with severe head trauma. Fred Stevens was taken to the hospital with multiple self-inflicted stab wounds to his torso.

4/27 Police have released more information about the Friday night shooting at The Lyric in downtown Oxford that injured one person. Officers say it was during a fight that someone fired a shot into the air inside the concert hall before 10 p.m. No one was wounded by the gunfire. One person was hurt by broken glass as people were running. The venue was holding an event advertised as the Shoot Your Shot Jersey Party. So far, an arrest has not been made. However, police did release an image of someone wearing a white jersey described as a person of interest in the case who is being sought.

4/27 According to Verona Police Chief J. B. Long, one person is in custody after a shooting at a gas station Thursday night. He said police are working to identify two more. He confirmed that several shooters were involved in the incident. The shooting happened at the Super C convenience store on Raymond Avenue (Highway 145). Police were looking at surveillance video to determine what happened.

5/1 Verona police have released the identity of the man arrested in connection to last week's shooting. The shooting happened on Thursday, April 26, at the Chevron store on Raymond Avenue. No one was hurt in the shooting, but dozens of shots were fired. One person was taken into custody following the incident. Verona Police Chief J.B. Long identifies the suspect as 40-year-old Roderick Clifton of Verona. Long says Clifton is facing charges of possession of a weapon by a felon. Police believe two other people were involved in the shooting.

5/1 A woman is behind bars accused of robbing and kidnapping a man she met on Facebook. 21-year-old Shaparra Contreras was arrested by Verona police and booked into the Lee County jail on April 30. Verona Police Chief J.B. Long says she and the male victim were communicating on Facebook and wanted to meet each other in person. The man was robbed, beaten and thrown into a creek. Other men are accused of assaulting the victim as well. The police chief says the victim was beaten unconscious and stripped naked and dumped at a creek on Chickasaw Trail in Tupelo. The man was able to call 911 and identify his attackers.

5/1 A Columbus man faces charges he assaulted his girlfriend. Investigators say Desmond Brooks, 26, is accused of choking his girlfriend during an argument on April 11. Deputies who responded to the call found the woman was having trouble speaking and had to communicate with deputies through written word. She told law officers she was choked to the point she was afraid she would pass out. Brooks left before officers arrived. He was arrested April 30 and remains in the Lowndes County jail awaiting an initial court appearance.

5/1 Tupelo police say a man was stabbed during the night. Police confirm officers responded to both Forrest Street and North Mississippi Medical Center regarding a domestic violence call Monday night. Police say a man had been stabbed but has refused to cooperate with officers so far. Officers did say the man's wounds do not appear to be life-threatening.

5/1 A Starkville man is accused of hitting his wife with a baseball bat and holding her against her will. [The Starkville Daily News reports](#) Christopher Shannon Blackwell, 42, is charged with one count of domestic aggravated assault. He's accused of hitting his wife in the ankle, knee and face. The victim was treated at a local hospital but did not require hospitalization. The newspaper reports the incident happened on or around April 11. He also faces one count of kidnapping. He's accused of confining his wife to the residence in the 200 block of Serenity Lake Road by threatening her with a gun, the newspaper reports.

5/1 A Columbus woman faces charges after she allegedly ran over a man in a pickup truck. Investigators say April Keefer, 37, was arrested Friday in the 4300 block of Highway 12. Deputies were called to a home about a disturbance and found a man lying under the front of a pickup. The man told them he was working on the truck when Keefer climbed in the truck and ran over him. Keefer was sitting in the driver's seat of the truck when deputies arrived. She was charged with aggravated assault domestic violence.

5/2 After looking at surveillance video, Oxford police are now looking for a red or maroon Chevrolet Tahoe believed to have been involved in last week's shooting at The Lyric. Police say the vehicle has large chrome rims. It's believed to be a 2000-2006 model. Police say they have received several tips. If you have any information about this vehicle, please call Oxford police. The shooting took place on Friday, April 27. No one was shot, but one person was hurt by glass.

5/2 A 68-year-old man has been released from the hospital and is now in the Chickasaw County jail charged with murder. Fred Stevens, 68, sits in the county jail where he is charged with 2nd degree murder following the death of his wife, Childa Stevens. Investigators believe she was beaten to death. Investigators also believe Fred Stevens tried to kill himself. He was later taken to the hospital for treatment. On Sunday, April 22, deputies arrived at a home off Highway 41 north of Okolona. They found Childa Stevens dead.

5/3 According to Monroe County Sheriff Cecil Cantrell, deputies are searching for a man accused of beating his mother Thursday morning. Cantrell identifies the man as Chad Moore, 39, of Amory. He's wanted for domestic aggravated assault. He says the incident happened on Bigbee Road outside of Amory sometime near 7 a.m. Cantrell says the mother received a fractured skull, nose and left arm as well as having teeth knocked out. He says she is expected to have surgery at a local hospital. The sheriff believes Moore used some type of weapon. He says the mother received help from neighbors, who called 911. He was eventually arrested in the Tampa, Florida area.

5/3 A Prentiss County grand jury is waiting to hear a case against a man accused of assaulting a woman in Booneville. On April 30, Booneville police responded to a reported disturbance call on Jones Cove. Police say they found a man and a woman at the location who appeared to have been in a physical altercation. The investigation led to the arrest of Christopher Shane McKinney, 29, of Booneville, for aggravated domestic violence. Police say evidence showed the woman had been choked, as well as hit several times.

5/3 Aberdeen police are actively investigating a school threat, but it has been deemed invalid. Aberdeen School District Superintendent Jeff Clay says the social media post, mentioning Belle Elementary School, was brought to the attention of school administrators Thursday morning. Aberdeen Interim Police Chief Quinell

Shumpert says a text on Instagram stated someone was going to shoot up the school during 5th period. The interim chief says investigators believe the threat was prompted due to an argument between two 5th graders.

5/4 Shots were fired in an Aberdeen neighborhood Friday night. Monroe County Sheriff Cecil Cantrell says the shooting happened on Cardinal Lane near Darracott Road before 7 p.m. The sheriff says Eric Bell tried to cut another man's throat after a night of drinking in Aberdeen. He says the victim then shot at Bell twice in defense but missed. Cantrell says Bell ran but then returned to the scene. That's when law enforcement realized Bell robbed a Texaco gas station in the midst of them looking for him. Bell was on parole during the incident. He faces charges of public intoxication, assault and shoplifting.

5/4 A man was accused of opening fire on a couple of law enforcement officers near Dennis in Tishomingo County the previous night. Neither officer was injured, but the sheriff's department spent Friday trying to find Brian Turner, who was originally described as a person of interest in the case. It came to light the following morning that Turner had been arrested in Wayne County, Tennessee. He was then identified as a suspect in the shooting and charged with aggravated assault.

5/4 A Tupelo man has pleaded guilty to the 2016 shooting death of a cab driver in Lee County. Leonta Gates, 25, pleaded guilty to capital murder in the death of Charlie Williams. Williams, 55, responded to a call for a ride on Evans Circle in Tupelo on May 13, 2016. He was later found dead on Graham Drive just outside the Tupelo city limits and his cab was found at Theron Nichols Park. On May 15, Gates was accused of robbing two people at the Chevron South Gloster Market and Deli but was captured shortly afterward. District Attorney John Weddle says Gates pleaded guilty after a competency hearing ruled he was competent to stand trial. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole on the capital murder charge.

5/7 Police in Columbus are investigating a Saturday morning shooting that left two people wounded. Columbus police say the shooting happened sometime in the early morning hours of May 5 in the vicinity of 16th Street North and 7th Avenue North. Police say two men, who are related to each other, received non-life-threatening injuries. One victim, a 31-year-old man, was treated and released from Baptist Memorial-Golden Triangle. The second victim, a 24-year-old man, was also taken to the same hospital but was later airlifted to Jackson for specialized care. Police say the victim is still hospitalized at this time.

5/7 A judge denied bond for a man charged in connection to last week's officer-involved shooting in Tishomingo County. Brian Turner, 45, of Tishomingo, appeared in county court Monday morning. He was charged with three counts of aggravated assault on an officer. Two counts are from the Tishomingo County Sheriff's Department. The third count is from Belmont police. Bond was denied. He was arrested in Wayne County, Tennessee, during the weekend. The officer-involved shooting took place the night of Thursday, May 3. No officers were hurt.

5/7 Clay County investigators have charged a Brooksville woman with aggravated assault and shoplifting. The woman is identified as 27-year-old Camellia Hart. Her arrest stems from an altercation on May 4 at John's Grocery on Highway 45 Alternate South. Clay County Sheriff Eddie Scott says Hart entered the store and attempted to purchase some items and left the store before the transaction was approved. Scott says the store's clerk tried to stop her because the transaction was denied. Hart is accused of hitting the clerk with her vehicle while leaving the scene.

5/7 A jury in Winston County Circuit Court returned a guilty verdict Monday evening in the 2017 shooting death of a woman. Kevin Carter, 44, was accused of shooting Angela Collier, 39, in early 2017 at a home on Roy Bates Road in Noxapater. Investigators say Collier was shot once in the leg with an AK-47 and later died at a local hospital. Carter eventually surrendered to law enforcement following a week-long search. He was sentenced to 70 years in prison for second-degree murder, aggravated assault and felon in possession of a weapon.

5/8 A Columbus nightclub will reduce its hours and make other improvements after a shooting incident during the weekend nearby. Columbus Police Chief Fred Shelton says he met with the operators of the Club Elevation Monday. The club has agreed to close one hour earlier, install more lighting and clear brush around the building. They have also agreed to put up signs saying, "no loitering" and "no trespassing." Police say two people were injured in the shooting May 5 across the street from the club.

5/8 An arrest has been made in connection to a recent shooting at The Lyric in Oxford. According to the Oxford Police Department, 22-year-old Desmond Bowen of Memphis, Tennessee, was arrested Tuesday, May 8 by his probation officer. He will be charged with aggravated assault and possession of a firearm by a felon. He's currently being held in the Shelby County, Tenn. jail pending extradition. The shooting happened April 27. Police were originally looking for two men. However, police say they are no longer looking for a second person. They believe Bowen was the shooter.

5/9 A woman is accused of running over a man with her vehicle in Lowndes County. According to the Lowndes County Sheriff's Department, the incident happened May 8 at the intersection of Tabernacle Road and Ellis Road. When officers arrived, they found a man. He stated he was struck by his girlfriend while he was on his motorcycle. The man said he was turning onto Ellis Road and was hit from behind by a car, driven by Kayln Weber Latham, 25. The man accused her of hitting him on purpose. She was charged with aggravated assault/domestic violence.

5/11 An arrest has been made in connection to Thursday evening's shooting in Columbus. According to Columbus Police Chief Fred Shelton, David Porter has been arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a weapon. He's accused of shooting at his girlfriend sometime near 3:40 p.m. in the 400 block of 19th Street South. She was inside a vehicle at the time. However, no one was hurt. Porter later surrendered to police shortly after the incident. Police believe the shooting stemmed from an argument between the two.

5/14 New information comes out about a former coach at Kossuth Middle School now that he is charged with a federal crime after being accused of secretly recording girls in a locker room changing clothes. Micah Wilbanks is charged with the sexual exploitation of children, and a federal affidavit explains why he is charged with that crime. According to the affidavit, it was on May 2 that some girls found an iPhone that had recorded them changing clothes, deleted the video and took it to another coach, Angie Malone. It goes on to say that Malone then confronted Wilbanks, who showed her where he had hidden the phone. Principal Sam Roberts told officers he confronted Wilbanks about 15 minutes later and noticed the coach had trouble walking and had slurred speech. The affidavit goes on to say that deputies overheard Wilbanks using an expletive to describe himself and made a comment about being a "pedophile."

5/15 The man police say is responsible for killing another man at a Columbus motel has been charged with first-degree murder. Johnathan Lee Majors II is charged with murdering Michael Garth, 27. The shooting took place at the Motel 6 near Highway 82 and Highway 45 days before Christmas 2017. He was arrested weeks after a shooting in an abandoned house. He continues to sit in the Lowndes County jail.

5/17 A man is charged with shooting into a house in Columbus. Columbus police arrested Cheyeterian Smith on Thursday, May 17 on a felony warrant for shooting into an occupied dwelling. Columbus Police Chief Fred Shelton says the shooting happened on April 16. He says a house was shot in the 2200 block of 15th Avenue North. Several shell casings were found at the scene. Shelton says no one was injured.

5/17 More information is slowly coming out following a recent shooting incident in Tupelo almost two months ago. The shooting took place near Hadley Street just off South Veterans Boulevard on March 22. Police confirmed there were three victims. It's still unclear what led up to the shooting. Witnesses confirmed they saw vehicles leave the area after the shooting. Police say three victims were brought to the hospital for treatment. Two of them arrived by car. The third was found on the floor of a transit bus.

5/18 Two people have been arrested by the U.S. Marshals in connection with a shooting in Verona. LaKisha Atkinson and Rodney Bradley were booked into the Lee County Jail before 7 p.m. on Friday. Charges for Atkinson have not been posted at this time. However, Bradley's charges include shooting into an occupied dwelling and possession of cocaine. A bond has been set for the drug charge but not the other felony charge.

5/20 Columbus police arrested a Columbus man in connection to a shooting incident that happened at the end of April. Police arrested Vershawn Williams, 18, on three felony charges of armed robbery, aggravated assault and shooting into a vehicle. Two charges are from 2017 and the aggravated assault charge was from April. Columbus Police Chief Fred Shelton said this arrest is connected to the incident that occurred April 28 around noon in the area of 15th Street and 8th Avenue North.

5/22 Tupelo police are looking for surveillance video after a reported armed robbery at the Mall at Barnes Crossing. According to Tupelo police, officers responded to the mall on May 18 sometime near 8:30 p.m. The reported robbery occurred at the shoe store Journeys. A store employee told police a man robbed the store of a single pair of shoes. The man is described as a black male, standing 6'0" in height with short black hair and wearing a white T-shirt and skinny jeans. No injuries were reported during the incident.

5/24 Preliminary autopsy results show a man was shot in the back of the head in Corinth. Police found George Harris, 57, dead on the front porch of his home on Liddon Lake Road Monday morning. Corinth police originally stated investigators are treating the death as a homicide. On Thursday, Corinth Police Chief Ralph Dance says officers are still chasing down leads and interviewing family members.

5/25 Two people are charged with murdering a man in Corinth. Darius Deen and Shaquavia Gunn face capital murder charges in connection to the shooting death of George Harris, 57. He was found dead on his porch May 21 at his home on Liddon Lake Road. Police were called to the home for a welfare check after his employees say he did not show up for work. Autopsy results indicate Harris had been shot in the back of the head. Police say the motive was robbery. Police also say Harris and the two suspects were friends.

5/28 Law enforcement make a second arrest in an April murder case in Kilmichael. Montgomery County Sheriff Jerry Nix says Monica Murray has been charged with accessory after the fact. Joseph Purnell died after being shot near a car wash on North Rutherford Drive in Kilmichael on April 27. David Johnson has been arrested for Purnell's murder. There is no word yet on Murray's connection in the case. The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation is handling the case.

5/28 A weekend shooting in Starkville sent one person to the hospital and police searching for the shooter. The shooting took place May 27 sometime near 12:44 p.m. at the Brookville Garden Apartments on Everglade Avenue. Police say the shooter and the victim are both juveniles. The motive for the shooting is still being investigated. Police describe the victim's injuries as non-life threatening.

5/30 Oxford police charge a Georgia man with shooting inside a condo. Christian Tucker, 25, of Kennesaw, Ga. was arrested on Tuesday, May 29. His arrest stems from a shooting on April 29. Police say they found a bullet hole in the wall of a bedroom in the condo. Police say Tucker had fired a shot in the condo. The bullet passed through the walls and into the bedroom. Tucker surrendered himself at the Lafayette County jail where he was charged with shooting into a dwelling.

5/30 Columbus police charge a man with shooting into another man's vehicle earlier this month. Police Chief Fred Shelton says Dustin Wells has been arrested and charged with aggravated assault. The shooting took place on May 6 in the area of 18th Avenue and 7th Street North. Wells is accused of following the victim and firing four shots into the victim's car. No one was injured.

5/30 Corinth police arrested Shako Walker, 21, on Tuesday in the shooting death of a Corinth man. On May 21, George Earl Harris, 57, was found dead on his porch at his home. It appears he had been

shot in the back of the head. According to police, Walker was implicated by the other suspects, Shaquavia Gunn, 18, and Darius Deen, 20, and was also identified in surveillance video at an event after the shooting. All three suspects are charged with capital murder.

6/2 Pontotoc County Sheriff Leo Mask says two bodies were found Friday night at a home on Toxish Road. Neighbors heard sirens around 7:30 p.m. Friday night, and deputies did not leave the home until after midnight. Mask says the bodies had been in the home for several days and could not be identified at the home. The bodies have since been taken to Jackson for an official autopsy. It was later determined the man and woman were shot. Coroner Kim Bedford says it is not clear what the relationship is between the two victims.

6/9 A man accused of abducting a woman in Northwest Alabama now faces an attempted murder charge in Lamar County. Marshall Lee Gray, 33, faces the charge as well as theft of property. The abduction happened on Wednesday, June 6. Law enforcement says he forced a woman to drive at knifepoint in Marion County. The woman was able to escape near Sulligent in Lamar County. However, police say Gray stabbed the woman as she escaped and then he took off in the car.

6/14 Law enforcement in Pontotoc County were called to two shootings within 24 hours. Sheriff Leo Mask confirms one scene is at a location on Highway 9 near South Pontotoc School. The shooting happened this morning at an apartment near Sycamore Drive. He says the suspect went to see his infant child at the apartment, but an altercation occurred between the two parents and the mother's boyfriend, which led to the shooting. The other shooting took place in Algoma Wednesday night sometime between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Morman Road. Sheriff Mask says two brothers got into a fight. He says one fired bird shot at the other. The shooter is in custody. The other brother was injured but did not go to the hospital.

6/15 Pontotoc County sheriff's deputies were asked to assist a victim of domestic violence moments after they were called to a shooting right down the road. Sheriff Leo Mask says a woman drove up to the deputies indicating she had been stabbed while they were loading an ambulance. The incident took place at an apartment complex off of Highway 9 on Sycamore Drive. Mask says he does have someone in custody but is not releasing that person's identity at this time.

6/17 One man is dead after a shooting reported Saturday in Grenada. Police Chief Garrett Hartley says that after investigation, David Tidwell, Jr. was arrested for murder. Hartley says the incident happened at the intersection of Highway 51 and South State Street. Authorities say they have someone else in custody other than Tidwell. The victim's identity has not yet been released.

6/18 A Baldwin man is in custody following a stabbing incident in midtown Tupelo. Near noon, police responded to the corner of Park Street and Jefferson Street near Crosstown. Police confirm a 61-year-old man was wounded as a result. He's currently in surgery at the North Mississippi Medical Center. Police say they have a man named Nicholas Tyus of Baldwin in custody. The 33-year-old is expected to be charged with aggravated assault. The motive is under investigation.

6/19 Four arrests have been made in connection to a weekend robbery at a Starkville hotel. The robbery happened June 15 at a hotel on Highway 12. The victim reportedly went to the hotel to meet a female. Upon arrival, the victim was robbed by two men. On June 19, Starkville police arrested 31-year-old Learthur Neal and 28-year-old Steven Bishop for armed robbery. Police also arrested Jonnice Harris, 25, and 19-year-old Katelyn Scott, both for conspiracy to commit a crime.

6/20 Tupelo police charge a Baldwin man with attempted murder following a stabbing incident earlier this week. Nicholas Tyus, 33, appeared before a judge where his bond was set at \$250,000. He was arrested after the stabbing of a 61-year-old man on Monday, June 18 at the corner of Park Street and Jefferson Street, near Crosstown. The victim went into surgery soon after the incident. On Wednesday, Tupelo police stated there are no new updates about the medical condition of the victim.

6/23 The suspect in the Cracker Barrel shooting in Columbus is under arrest. Police Chief Fred Shelton said Robert Beck, 28, was taken into custody during a traffic stop early Saturday by the Tennessee Highway Patrol near Cookeville. Beck is accused of going to the restaurant before 5 p.m. Friday looking for his girlfriend, who works there. Instead, the manager was shot. That person, whose name has not been released, was last reported to be in stable condition at Baptist Memorial Hospital - Golden Triangle. No other injuries were reported.

6/28 An Ohio couple is accused of holding up a Pilot truck stop at gunpoint in Montgomery County. Winona Police Chief Tommy Bibbs confirms the incident happened Thursday morning at the stop on Highway 82, west of Interstate 55. The couple was captured 20 minutes later in Carroll County, not far from the interstate. They were in a blue Toyota RAV4 with Ohio plates. The suspects are identified as Sammy Bolen, 37, and Melinda Moore, 35, both of Ohio. Police say the couple used prop guns and got an undetermined amount of money.

TOPIC

Missing Persons

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

Date: Various

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Duration: Various

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

5/9 Booneville police are seeking help from the public in locating a missing Booneville woman. The woman is identified as 52-year-old Jena Hoard Stevenson. Booneville police say she was last seen on March 14 in the Tupelo area. A couple of hours after receiving information from police, officers said Stevenson had been found. Police did not reveal specifics as to her discovery or condition.

5/17 Columbus police need your help searching for a missing man last seen Thursday evening. Police say Fred Grissett, 73, of Columbus, was last seen driving away from the Columbus Belk's parking lot between 8:20 p.m. and 9 p.m. His wife left him in the car while she was in the store, and when she returned, the car and Grissett were gone. He was last seen in a 2014 White Nissan Pathfinder with a Mississippi tag with University of Alabama supporter tag. Grissett has severe Alzheimer's disease. He was found the following day okay in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

5/24 Tupelo police are asking for help locating a teenager. Keyuna Pinson was last seen sometime near 2:30 p.m. on May 23 at her home on Rankin Boulevard in Tupelo. Police describe her as a "missing/runaway." She is 15 years old, stands 5'4" and weighs 190 pounds. She was last seen wearing a navy blue shirt with yellow writing on it. Pinson was found safe later the same day her disappearance was reported in the local media.

6/5 An Endangered/Missing Child Alert has been issued for a 13-year-old from luka. The teen is identified as Madison Almond. She is described as a white female, 5'4" in height, weighing 120 pounds with light brown hair and green eyes. She has the word "faith" tattooed on her right arm. According to the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, she was last seen on May 22 sometime near 8:45 p.m. at 29 County Road 235 in Tishomingo County. Almond was found later that day in Tennessee.

6/8 The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation has canceled the Endangered/Missing Child Alert issued Friday evening Heaven Williams. The child has been located and is safe. The Mississippi Bureau of

Investigation issued an Endangered/Missing Child Alert Friday evening for the 3-year-old girl from Neshoba County. Heaven Williams of Philadelphia was last seen on Deer Trail in Philadelphia about 5:30 a.m. June 3. Law enforcement said she may have been with Arnelia Rene Williams, 38, and may have been in a 2001 white Chevrolet Impala with the Mississippi license plate NEI 382.

6/12 Lee County officers are looking for a missing man, last seen on Sunday. Lee County Sheriff Jim Johnson confirms a missing person's report was filed June 12, for Glen Best, 29. Best was last seen June 10, sometime near 1 p.m. He worked as a landscaper and said he was going to finish a mowing job on Sunday but never returned. Sheriff Johnson says officers are following a few leads and says Best could be in the Shannon/Nettleton area.

6/12 A woman is missing in Lee County, and officers need the public's help locating her. Audie T. Gilmore, 76, was last seen June 12 sometime near 2 p.m. She was last seen walking west from her home on State Park Road. She was wearing a yellow shirt and olive shorts. She is described as a white female, 5'5" in height and weighs 186 pounds with black, shoulder-length hair. Gilmore was found later that day.

6/21 The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation has canceled the Amber Alert for a little girl from Clay County. Clay County Sheriff Eddie Scott says 5-year-old Baylee Elizabeth Emison has been found and is safe. The Amber Alert came to an end just hours after it was issued early Thursday morning. According to the initial alert, the child was with Martha Ann Poss, and they were last seen around 9:15 pm Wednesday on Highway 50. Scott says Poss is now in custody and is charged with kidnapping and taking of a motor vehicle.

6/26 Lowndes County officers are needing the public's help locating a missing man. Demarco Porter, 38, was last seen on June 11 by his family. On June 26, his family reported him missing. His last known address was on Suffolk Drive in Columbus. He is described as a black male, 5'9" in height and weighing 230 pounds. One day later, the family confirmed the man was in touch with them and was no longer considered a missing person.

TOPIC

Politics

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

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

4/2 The new Mississippi agriculture commissioner says diversity of race and culture makes the state stronger. Former state Rep. Andy Gipson of Braxton was sworn in Monday as the state's eighth commissioner of agriculture and commerce. Gipson is an attorney, farmer and Baptist pastor. He says Mississippi's diversity has been "a problem" in the past but he believes God has designed that diversity "for blessing, not for cursing."

4/3 Tupelo Mayor Jason Shelton says he will run in the November special election for the U.S. Senate to serve the remainder of Thad Cochran's term. The Democrat becomes the fourth candidate to announce his intention to run. Former Democratic Congressman Mike Espy has said he is running. So

has Republican state Senator Chris McDaniel, who almost beat Cochran in the 2014 GOP primary. Also running is Cindy Hyde-Smith, the Republican who was appointed by Governor Phil Bryant to serve as interim U.S. senator prior to the election.

4/3 Gov. Phil Bryant has set the special election date to fill former Senator Thad Cochran's seat. The date is November 6. The qualifying deadline is April 24 at 5 p.m. If no candidate receives a majority of votes on November 6, a runoff will be held on November 27. This comes after Cochran retired on April 1. On Tuesday, Tupelo Mayor Jason Shelton announced his plans to run for the seat. He is the fourth candidate to run, including Mike Espy, Chris McDaniel and Cindy Hyde-Smith.

4/9 Republican Cindy Hyde-Smith made history Monday when she was sworn into the Senate as the first woman to represent Mississippi in the chamber. It's a milestone that strategists hope will propel the former agricultural commissioner and early President Donald Trump supporter when she faces a tough election in fall. Vice President Mike Pence arrived at the Capitol to swear her in as colleagues looked on. Hyde-Smith was tapped by the state's Gov. Phil Bryant as a surprise pick to fill the seat for ailing GOP Sen. Thad Cochran, who resigned April 1.

4/20 A Mason-Dixon poll released Friday shows U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith would have an easier time winning the November special election for the seat than fellow Republican Chris McDaniel. The survey found Hyde-Smith with a 46 percent to 34 percent lead over Democrat Mike Espy with 20 percent undecided. It also found that when Espy's opponent was McDaniel, the Democrat takes a 42 percent to 40 percent lead with 18 percent undecided. The poll results are based on responses from 625 Mississippi registered voters interviewed on the phone from April 14 to April 16.

4/23 Two more people filed Monday to run in a special U.S. Senate election in Mississippi, bringing the field of candidates to five. One candidate filing Monday was state lawmaker Chris McDaniel of Ellisville, who lost a bitter 2014 Republican primary to longtime Sen. Thad Cochran and had already announced that he intended to run for the seat that Cochran left vacant. Cochran, 80, retired April 1, citing health concerns. The other was Tobey Bartee of Gautier, who had not previously announced for the Senate race and did not immediately respond to a phone message.

4/24 A poll released Tuesday indicates Mississippi may be poised to do something that hasn't happened since 1999 — elect a Democrat for governor. The Mason-Dixon survey of 625 registered Mississippi voters revealed Democratic Attorney General Jim Hood holds a 44 percent to 39 percent advantage over Republican Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves in a one-on-one matchup. The remaining 17 percent was undecided. The margin of error is plus or minus four percent.

5/3 A Democrat from Oxford is the first person to throw his name into the hat in the 2019 race for lieutenant governor in Mississippi. Rep. Jay Hughes, 54, begins a series of campaign announcement stops in south Mississippi Thursday. Hughes, a former Oxford alderman, is currently in his first term in the Mississippi House. He has been a big supporter of fully funding education, improving the state's highways and mental health services. Hughes also sued Speaker of the House Philip Gunn over the use of a machine to read bills at rapid speed during the legislative session in 2017. Lt. Governor Tate Reeves is expected to run for governor next year.

5/8 Tupelo Mayor Jason Shelton drops out of the race for U.S. Senate a little more than a month after announcing his bid for higher office. He is also asking that the state not include his name on the ballot for the special election to serve the remainder of Thad Cochran's term in Washington. Shelton was considered a long shot for the job, and some political analysts saw his candidacy possibly jeopardizing the Democrats' chance of making the runoff.

5/30 Mississippi's top elections official said Tuesday that a "disappointing" number of absentee ballots have been requested for the June 5 party primaries for U.S. House and Senate. Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann said in a state with 1.8 million registered voters, only about 6,000 people have requested absentee

ballots. Republicans and Democrats each have a party primary for a U.S. Senate seat now held by Republican Roger Wicker. Six candidates are running in the Democratic primary, and Wicker faces one challenger for the Republican nomination.

6/4 Voters in Mississippi and Alabama will head to the polls Tuesday for primary elections. 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. 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. Six Republicans are running for the seat, which is opening up with incumbent Gregg Harper deciding against seeking another two-year term. Two Democrats are also running in the primary for that seat. 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.

6/16 A candidate is aiming for a come-from-behind victory in a June 26 Republican primary runoff for a congressional seat in Mississippi. Whit Hughes received 22 percent of the vote in a six-person race June 5, while the leader, Michael Guest, received 45 percent. They are running in the heavily Republican 3rd District in the central part of the state, where the current GOP congressman, Gregg Harper, is not seeking re-election. Also, two Democrats are in a runoff for the U.S. Senate: state Representative David Baria and businessman Howard Sherman.

6/26 Mississippi Democrats are nominating state Rep. David Baria to challenge incumbent U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker, lining up behind a party stalwart as they reject a bid by a newcomer. Baria is a Bay St. Louis attorney. He beat venture capitalist Howard Sherman of Meridian in Tuesday's runoff. Meanwhile, A Mississippi district attorney has won the Republican nomination for an open congressional seat. Michael Guest, the chief prosecutor in the Jackson suburbs of Madison and Rankin counties, beat a former state development executive Whit Hughes Tuesday in the GOP runoff for the 3rd Congressional District.

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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:

4/20 The Columbus Municipal School District is moving to the next phase in the hiring process of a new superintendent. The district says it has received 19 applicants for the position. Among the applicants are three superintendents, one former superintendent, three assistant superintendents, two director/coordinators, four principals, one educational consultant, and five with alternative qualifications. A detailed report will be made to the Columbus Municipal School District Board on April 25.

5/8 More interviews will be conducted this month to find a new school superintendent for the Columbus Municipal School District. As of April, there were 19 applicants for the job. Board of Trustees President Jason Spears confirms there are now five candidates. The board will conduct in-person interviews with each of the

five candidates on May 22. The board will then choose the top three candidates. A public interview will later be held at Cook Elementary where each candidate will make a presentation and field questions from the community. The board expects to make a final decision in early June.

5/8 Oktibbeha County supervisors approved a proposal of \$1.5 million to purchase property for the Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District, [reports the Starkville Daily News](#). The approval, passed on a 3-2 vote, came Monday. The property is on Lynn Lane and could be used for the school district's administration. The newspaper reports the offer may not be accepted by the property owner.

5/9 East Mississippi Community College's president has resigned. [The Starkville Daily News reports](#) Thomas Huebner resigned as the college's president on Monday during the EMCC board meeting. Huebner tells the newspaper the resignation was on good terms and said he was named one of the finalists to be president of Meridian Community College. He was named EMCC's president in May 2015.

5/9 The Mississippi Department of Education announced members of a task force team which aims to determine best practices for student testing on the state and local levels. The Mississippi Student Testing Task Force will discuss student assessments with the goals of determining the types, quality and amount of tests students take on the state and district level and making recommendations on way to ensure student testing is streamlined but measures the learning goals designed by Mississippi teachers. Among the local members: state Sen. Gray Tollison, state Rep. Randy Boyd, Starkville-Oktibbeha Superintendent Eddie Peasant and state Board of Education member Sean Suggs.

5/10 A University of Mississippi at Booneville student from Tishomingo County was recently selected to receive the university's top academic honor. Hannah Day, a senior education major, was presented the Marcus Elvis Taylor Memorial Medal for the 2017-2018 academic year. She was presented the award during the annual Honors Convocation on the Oxford campus.

5/11 Two local women have been honored by Ole Miss by receiving the university's highest academic honor. Lori Fain of Sherman and Brenda Raper of Nettleton are being honored this spring as recipients of the 2018-2019 Marcus Elvis Taylor Memorial Medals. Recipients must have at least a 3.90 grade-point average to be considered and receive nominations from Ole Miss' faculty. Both women went to school later in life.

5/17 Mississippi's eight public universities plan to raise their admission requirements. The College Board on Thursday acted preliminarily to increase the number of academic credits high school students would need for full admission. The move mirrors change for high school diplomas already approved by Mississippi's state Board of Education. The changes would take effect for students entering in fall 2022. Those students will enter high school this fall and will be the first subject to new high school diploma requirements.

5/18 The Louisville Municipal School District has voted to offer the district's superintendent job to Dr. Randy Grierson. [WinstonWebNews.com reports](#) the board voted 4-1 Friday. Grierson would come from the Cleveland School District in Bolivar County. If he accepts the job, he would take the position sometime after the end of the current school year.

5/18 Itawamba County School District Superintendent Michael Nanney says he is resigning. Nanney did not give specifics as to why he is leaving except to say he believed this was the time for him to pursue other endeavors. He will leave July 1. Nanney later was announced as the new golf coach at Itawamba Community College.

5/18 Dr. Rick Young is returning to lead East Mississippi Community College, the school announced Friday. Young has been named the college's interim president by the school's Board of Trustees. This comes after recent president, Thomas Huebner, resigned last week. Young will serve in the interim role while the Board of Trustees search for the college's next leader.

5/23 A large sinkhole causes damage to Oxford High School's football stadium. School officials discovered the sinkhole behind and underneath the press box and bleachers. It happened the week of April 16. Public Information Officer Heather Lenard says it happened as a result of heavy rainfall. Damage includes a shift to the press box. The building can be repaired. A new drainage system will need to be installed under the bleachers as well. Lenard says the repairs needed will cost more than \$50,000.

6/18 A student from Monroe County has been selected to participate on the State Testing Task Force. Icie Cockerham of Hamilton High School was selected from students in the First Congressional District. She is among four rising high school seniors to be selected. They will represent their peers in discussions about how to ensure the state prepares them for college, the workforce or the military.

6/20 Governor Phil Bryant has signed an executive order which establishes the Mississippi School Safety Task Force. The task force will be comprised of representatives from several fields, including law enforcement, education and mental health. They will evaluate existing school safety laws and policies and make recommendations to strengthen them.

6/27 The Itawamba County School District has a new superintendent. Trae Wiygul was selected by the school board during a meeting on Monday. He was recently the principal at Itawamba AHS. Wiygul's father also served as superintendent with the school district in the past. The new superintendent will replace Michael Nanney, who announced he was leaving the position at the end of the school year.

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

5/11 Oxford and Lafayette County partnered together to find a creative solution to prevent the "summer slide." Suzanne Ryals, director of early childhood and reading for the Oxford School District, says a former school bus is helping move the project. It houses a mobile literacy program where she travels to pre-schools, head starts and other child care programs for puppet shows, "read alongs" and other activities that can be done outside. Plans for book distributions are in the works.

5/17 A Monroe County student is being recognized for a rare academic feat. Charlie Terrell of Hamilton High School is a National Merit Finalist. Even though Terrell goes to Hamilton, he spends most of his time taking classes at the Advanced Learning Center in Becker. The senior has also been recognized as a STAR student, is co-valedictorian and scored a 33 on the ACT. This fall, he plans to attend Mississippi State University on a full scholarship to study chemical engineering.

5/21 Lee County Sheriff Jim Johnson is asking the Board of Supervisors for money to hire six more school resource officers. The money provided by the county would be matched by money from the Lee County School District. Supervisors say they know the resource officers would fill a great need, but they are not sure if the money is available to fulfill the request.

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:

4/26 Toyota announced it was adding 400 jobs to the workforce at its plant near Blue Springs. The automaker said it was part of a \$170 million investment to build the next generation of Corollas at the plant. The local plant is joining other Toyota plants in streamlining its manufacturing process to where it will be easier for the automaker to switch the type of vehicle that would be produced.

4/30 Peco Foods announced it is coming to West Point, creating 300 jobs. The company will be located in the existing 185,000-square-foot warehouse formerly occupied by AmeriCold. This is a \$40 million investment. The Mississippi Development Authority is providing assistance for wastewater and infrastructure improvements. West Point is providing a water and sewer rate reduction to the company. Both the city and Clay County are providing ad valorem abatements to the company.

6/14 The leader of economic development efforts for Starkville and Oktibbeha County is leaving the state for a new job. Scott Maynard, the CEO and president of the Greater Starkville Development Partnership, has accepted a position at the Florida State University Career Center. Maynard will work through the end of the month. The search for his replacement begins immediately.

6/15 Mississippi's May 2018 unemployment rate almost reached a historic low. According to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, last month's unemployment rate was 4.7 percent. This marked the third lowest level ever recorded in Mississippi. The number of people working in Mississippi rose by 1,600 to 1.2 million. The number of unemployed Mississippians increased by 1,300 in May to 59,500.

6/20 Jennifer Prather has been chosen as interim CEO for the Greater Starkville Development Partnership. Prather, recently the director of tourism for the Partnership, replaces Scott Maynard. Maynard announced his resignation on June 14 to assume a position with the Florida State University Career Center. A national search is being conducted to fill the position long-term. Prather has been with the Partnership since January 2013.

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Health Care

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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:

5/2 Mississippi's largest hospital says it will stop accepting policies from the state's largest private insurer, citing contract dissatisfaction. The University of Mississippi Medical Center tells Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi that it will stop accepting policies after June 30. The medical center has hospitals in Jackson, Grenada and Lexington. It says it can no longer abide a contract in which Blue Cross makes unilateral changes that cost the hospitals money. Medical center officials say they want a different contract.

5/2 Starkville city leaders are asking for more time regarding a potential ambulance service for the city. The Starkville Daily News reports the city's Board of Aldermen heard proposals Tuesday from OCH Regional Medical Center and Pafford EMS about the potential service. After both presentations, aldermen decided against making a decision on which organization it would award the service.

5/3 A locally-owned hospital system is joining the growing list of federal lawsuits over the opioid epidemic and allegations drug companies lied about how safe they were. North Mississippi Health Services filed the lawsuit against 25 companies in March in Lee County Circuit Court. The case was transferred to federal court March 2. The lawsuit contends the manufacturers misled medical professionals about the effects of using the drug. It is asking for financial compensation for punitive and actual damages related to the opioid crisis.

5/9 A local hospital administrator is now in charge of the University of Mississippi Medical Center Grenada and UMMC Holmes County. Wes Sigler has been named CEO of the two facilities. He will begin his duties on May 14. He comes to UMMC from North Mississippi Medical Center's Eupora hospital, where he has served as administrator since October 2014.

5/9 Mental health patients and their families will breathe a little easier thanks to a new facility that will soon open in West Point. Community Counseling Service is opening a crisis stabilization unit there. The unit will provide a 15-bed center that helps mentally ill patients receive treatment instead of going directly to a state hospital. The program's director says it's something that will make it a lot easier to treat patients closer to home.

5/11 Robin Mixon has been named interim administrator of North Mississippi Medical Center in Eupora. She assumed the role on May 1 after the resignation of former administrator Wes Sigler. She will continue in her role as administrator of NMMC-Eupora's long-term care facility. She joined the hospital's staff in 2004 and has served in various leadership positions.

5/17 Starkville city leaders have approved the contract with Pafford EMS to provide an ambulance service within the city limits. The city's Board of Aldermen approved the contract Tuesday on a 5-2 vote, reports the Starkville Daily News. However, there are some contract revisions that have to be worked out. If that happens, the new service will take over for OCH Regional Medical Center on August 1.

6/18 Four local Baptist hospitals received funds to help women beat or prevent breast cancer. The funds came from the Memphis Mid-South Mississippi Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The affiliate distributed 14 grants totaling more than \$420,000 to programs that provide breast health and breast cancer services in 14 counties in Tennessee and 23 counties in north Mississippi. These include the hospitals in Columbus, New Albany, Oxford and Booneville. The four were granted a collective sum of \$47,595.

6/25 OCH Regional Medical Center has named Jim Jackson as its new administrator and CEO. The hospital in Starkville made the announcement Monday afternoon. He recently served in an administrative role at the Greenwood Leflore Hospital in Greenwood, Miss., for nearly 20 years. Jackson is taking over for retired Richard Hilton.

6/26 OCH Regional Medical Center will be affiliating with the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. Tuesday's announcement comes one day after the hospital in Starkville announced a new chief executive officer, Jim Jackson. It also comes after weeks of discussions with UMMC and two other hospital systems – North Mississippi Health Services and Baptist – about possible affiliation. Interestingly, North Mississippi Medical Center, the flagship hospital of North Mississippi Health Services, has an affiliation agreement with UMMC.

TOPIC

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:

4/3 Severe storms with strong winds pushed through the area leaving behind damage and prompting the interruption of programming by the WTVA Severe Weather Authority. Among the hard-hit areas was New Albany, which reported damage to several businesses, including signs and roofs. The wind lifted a porch from its home in Pontotoc. The wind also flipped over a recreational vehicle in Booneville. A carport was blown over in Mantee. Trees were blown down across the area, some knocking out power or falling on homes.

4/14 Severe storms brought strong winds through the area during the morning leaving behind damage and prompting the interruption of programming by the WTVA Severe Weather Authority. A tornado touched down near Noxapater either uprooting or snapping trees in its path. Strong winds also blew the roof off a home in the same area. One tree in that area knocked down power lines and trapped a person in a car. Downed trees were also reported in the Columbus area. Winds uprooted trees on the northern end of the city, blew out a store sign and caused some structural damage to homes and businesses in that area. WLOV was in continuous coverage from 5am to 624am.

5/7 For years, along with television weather reports, tornado sirens have been a trusted source of information when it comes to severe weather. But is it possible to put too much trust in this system? Union County Emergency Management director Curt Clayton says sirens should not be your number one source for being warned about severe weather. According to Clayton, the range of a siren is three miles on a clear day, and it's possible even if the siren sounds, your area may not be affected by the weather warning.

5/23 In the last 10 years, one of every three EF-5 tornadoes struck in Mississippi or Alabama, so no one can argue our region is very familiar with the devastation. Tonya Wooten of Montpelier remembers the April 27, 2011, tornado that has left her emotionally scarred even though her family was not hurt. She says lightning and thunder terrify her when a simple thunderstorm comes through. April Kitchens is a counselor at the North Mississippi Medical Center Behavioral Health Center. She says this is a normal symptom of post-traumatic stress disorder with tornado survivors.

5/26 Governor Phil Bryant has declared a state of emergency as Subtropical Storm Alberto moves toward the state's coast. In a tweet, Bryant said he signed a proclamation declaring the emergency and an order making the Mississippi National Guard and other state resources available should they become necessary. The latest advisory from the National Hurricane Center shifts the storm farther east with a potential landfall near the Alabama-Florida state line.

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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:

4/7 A boil water notice will be issued Tuesday for some customers of the Oktoc Water Association. [The Starkville Daily News reports](#) this is for customers in the area of South Montgomery Street to, and including, Mount Olive Road. The newspaper reports the interruption of service is the result of the utility having to move a water main in the Stone Ridge subdivision after a house was built on top of the line. Water service will reportedly be disconnected for a short time Tuesday and will be under a boil water notice for three or four days.

4/12 A boil water notice has been issued for some customers of Young's Water and Sewer District in Yalobusha County. The water association says this notice affects customers on the Dividing Ridge well. This notice was issued due to a loss of pressure on the well Wednesday as a result of a line break. Those affected are urged to boil their water for one minute before consuming. The notice was lifted April 16.

4/25 The state has issued a boil water alert for roughly 1,000 customers who get water from the city of Ripley. This applies to those west of Highway 15 and south of Fairview Drive. It appears a broken water line triggered a drop in water pressure, and a boil water alert is issued as a precaution in those instances. That boil water alert was lifted two days later after the state determined the water was safe to drink.

5/7 A boil water notice will be issued Tuesday for some customers of the Oktoc Water Association. [The Starkville Daily News reports](#) this is for customers in the area of South Montgomery Street to, and including, Mount Olive Road. The newspaper reports the interruption of service is the result of the utility having to move a water main in the Stone Ridge subdivision after a house was built on top of the line. Water service will reportedly be disconnected for a short time Tuesday, and the area will be under a boil water notice for three or four days.

5/8 A boil water notice has been issued for some people on the Poplar Springs Water Association in Calhoun County. The association says anyone living west of Highway 341 and live on County Road 136, County Road 141, County Road 145 and County Road 103, they are under a boil water notice. As of Tuesday morning, crews are fixing a water leak on County Road 136 in the Rocky Mount community. Crews had to cut the water off.

5/15 Mississippi State University will issue a boil water notice for three buildings Tuesday evening. The buildings affected are Deavenport Hall, Dogwood Hall and the G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery Center for America's Veterans at Nusz Hall. The university says this is due to crews installing a new water main to service the three buildings. The university says students, faculty and staff in these buildings may use the water for sanitary purposes but should not drink the water. The work is expected to be done by Friday evening.

5/25 Customers of the Blackland Water Association in Prentiss County can now drink their water after a boil water notice was issued last week. The notice affected approximately 1,085 customers who are served by the water association. The notice was lifted on May 24.

5/30 A boil water notice is being issued for some customers of Young's Water and Sewer District. The alert was issued May 30 for customers on the Clear Springs well. The affected area is from Carter Road to Graysport Crossing Road bridge and to Gums Crossing Road bridge. All areas between these points need to boil their water due to a main line break. The line has been fixed, but the alert is still in effect until June 2.

6/9 A boil water notice has been issued for customers of the Trim Cane Water Association in Oktibbeha County. This affects the entire system. Customers are reminded to boil their water for one minute before using. This is due to a break in a water line. The break occurred following a shift in the

ground caused by recent weather changes, according to Trim Cane Water Association officials. The notice was lifted June 14.

Chasing the News

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

Saturday 930 p.m.

Topic: Politics

Date: 4/7

Detailed Description: Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood covers a wide range of topics. He discusses cybersecurity threats against Mississippians and says they are protected in the wake of data breaches. Hood says any entity, whether big or small, can be the victim of a cybercrime. He also reiterates how companies and individuals must take basic precautions to lock their computer systems and electronic data from cyber thieves. The attorney general also spoke about sexual predators and how parents need to be more vigilant in knowing internet sites their children may be surfing. Hood also touched on how the Republicans in the 2018 legislative session were trying to minimize his role in filing lawsuits on behalf of the state. Also, are the rumors true will he run for governor in 2019?

Date: 4/14

Detailed Description: Attorney General Jim Hood discusses whether he will throw his hat in the ring for governor. The district attorney of the 16th Circuit Court District, Scott Colom, discusses his role and adjustment to the position since being elected three years ago. The DA also talks about recidivism and how the state penal code needs to change when it comes to first time non-violent offenders. We then talk with Monroe County Sheriff Cecil Cantrell about a unique program through Itawamba Community College that's helping to cut down on repeat offenders. Several inmates talked about ICC's construction program and how as graduates they are hoping the "free" world will give them a second chance. ICC professor Tatiana Sherman discusses the blueprint of the construction program and why it was critical for the community college to rehabilitate offenders.

Date: 5/19

Detailed Description: State Senator Chris McDaniel talks about why he is running again for the United States Senate. He also explains his switch from the race against Republican incumbent Roger Wicker to the race for the remainder of Thad Cochran's term. McDaniel captured the nation's attention in 2014 by almost defeating Cochran in the GOP primary for U.S. Senate. Miss Mississippi USA Laine Alden Mansour discusses her platform as she competes for the title of Miss USA.

Date: 6/2

Detailed Description: This year's party primaries are set for June 5, and Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann discusses what his office expects with the voting. He adds that counties are gradually returning to physical ballots from touchscreen voting, which was introduced after the 2000 presidential election, which was disputed in the courts because of paper ballots. State Senator Chris McDaniel continues discussing his run for the U.S. Senate, and also appearing is the Republican challenging incumbent Roger Wicker in the party primary, Gulf Coast businessman Richard Boyanton.

Public Service Campaigns

TOPIC Health Care

Program Title: Kilt Walk 2018

Date: March 26th - May 6th

Time: ROS

Duration: Various Lengths (aired 277 times)

Detailed Description: KILT WALK 2018

The station ran a series of messages encouraging people to participate in the Kilt Walk and Fun Run for Brain Tumor Awareness, in Tupelo. All money raised goes to the American Brain Tumor Association.

Program Title: ST. JUDE DREAM HOME 2018

Date: June 4th – June 30th

Time: ROS

Duration: Various live and taped messages (aired 347 times)

Detailed Description: The station aired a series of messages asking viewers to reserve tickets for a chance to win a \$400,000 Dream Home. Your purchase will make a difference in the life of a child who is fighting illness.