



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

3rd Quarter 2022

WLOV airs local news programming each week live during the following times on WLOV 27.1 (FOX).

Monday through Friday 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. (simulcast with WTVA 9.1 (NBC) and WTVA 9.2 (ABC))

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Monday through Friday 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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

List of Issues for This Quarter

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

Weather

Public Safety

Missing Persons

Taxes

Education

Community Development

Politics

Medical Marijuana

LOCAL:

ISSUE

WEATHER

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

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

Detailed Description: The WTVA Severe Weather Authority is usually known for its coverage of severe storms. However, the focus was much different during this period as people across the viewing area had to deal with the heat. It even led a state athletic organization to make a change for the upcoming high school football season.

7/8 The full-scale ground search has been suspended for the missing Alcorn County man, Wade Davis. Searchers say the heat is hampering all efforts during daylight hours.

7/25 The Tupelo Lee Humane Society offers tips to make sure dog owners do not allow their pets to get too hot during the intense heat of summer.

7/26 The Mississippi High School Activities Association announced it will push back the start of high school football games for the first part of the season to 7:30 pm to prevent players from overheating.

9/28 Dry weather and windy conditions across the area led the National Weather Service to warn of dangerous conditions for any outdoor burning.

ISSUE

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

Detailed Description: A variety of public safety issues showed up during the third quarter of 2022 that ranged from a change atop the police department in one city to a curfew and its effects on crime in another community. One local school district made a move to boost security at its athletic events. The most significant event was a pilot who randomly flew a stolen plane across the area threatening to crash it into a Walmart. The unusual threat prompted wall-to-wall coverage in place of regular programming that attracted unusually high viewership during the live team coverage.

7/6 Aldermen in Louisville decided to extend the overnight curfew first put into effect in June to curb a rise in crime.

7/8 Columbus Police Chief Fred Shelton says he has been asked to resign, but Mayor Keith Gaskin will not confirm that. A special meeting of aldermen will be held Monday.

7/11 Columbus Police Chief Fred Shelton announced his retirement after Mayor Keith Gaskin asked him to step down from the position.

7/12 Columbus Mayor Keith Gaskin says he asked Fred Shelton to resign because officers were quitting the department.

7/22 The Columbus City Council created a search committee to search nationally for a new police chief.

7/28 Police in Louisville say crime remains low and the volume of 911 calls is down since Mayor Will Hill allowed an overnight curfew to expire after being in effect for several weeks.

7/29 The city of luka is investigating the death of a dog after its owner contends it was choked to death by a city employee during a recent traffic stop and arrest.

8/5 Four inmates escaped from the Alcorn County jail with one being arrested the same day in the county and the other three arrested in Baton Rouge near LSU.

8/8 Eleven people graduated from the new Monroe County Sheriff's Office Training Academy as part-time law enforcement officers.

8/8 Aberdeen Police Chief Quinell Shumpert says he needs to fill openings for another five officers on the force.

8/12 A Stop the Violence rally will be held at Sim Scott Park in Columbus tomorrow in hopes it will curb the string of shootings and violent crime that happened during the summer.

8/15 Lee County Sheriff Jim Johnson asked the Lee County Board of Supervisors to apply for federal COVID-19 money that can be given to deputies for working through the pandemic.

8/26 The city of Columbus posts the three-page job description for its open police chief job, which pays between \$74,000 and \$90,000 a year.

8/29 Starkville Fire Marshal Mark McCurdy says inspectors are doing more nightclub inspections with students back for the fall semester at Mississippi State University.

9/2 The Tupelo Public School District implemented a new policy for athletic events only allowing clear bags if they are larger than your hand.

9/3 Police say an airport worker stole a plane in Tupelo and threatened to crash it into the Walmart store on West Main Street. The plane flew very low over the city and flew haphazardly over the area for four hours before it crash landed in a field in Tippah County where Cory Patterson was arrested. It prompted live coverage on WLOV from 9 am until 12:22 pm.

9/6 Officials with the Tupelo Regional Airport are looking into its security after a worker stole an airplane Saturday morning. Police said Cory Patterson, 29, stole a small plane and threatened to crash it into the Walmart store on West Main Street. He would eventually land and was arrested.

9/11 Tupelo police say a man robbed a convenience store on Cliff Gookin Boulevard and killed the clerk behind the counter. Officers arrested him without any trouble hours after the crime.

9/13 A judge denied bond for the man charged with capital murder in the killing of Tupelo store clerk Parmvir Singh.

9/15 The federal affidavit filed against Cory Patterson shows some of the alleged communication he had with authorities and pictures of a goodbye message. According to the affidavit, Patterson called 911 and said, "I have stolen a plane...get the Walmart on West Main Street evacuated because I am going to crash into it."

9/27 Seventy people have applied to become the new chief of police in Columbus. City Human Resources Director Pam Mitchell said 35 applicants are being considered because they have managerial experience. A search committee is expected to trim the list to ten finalists on Tuesday.

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MISSING PERSONS

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

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

Detailed Description: The reach of this television station on the air and online makes it a valuable tool for local law enforcement when it comes to trying to solve missing persons cases. Our coverage sometimes leads to more in-depth coverage like it did when the continuing coverage of a missing college student led to police determining he was killed by a recent university graduate.

7/1 The family of missing Alcorn County man Wade Davis is offering a \$10,000 reward for information that leads to his discovery.

7/6 Seventy-one-year-old James Pickens was found alive in some woods behind a home in Chickasaw County after he disappeared in the morning prompting 30-45 people to search for him.

7/11 Oxford police recently found the vehicle belonging to missing Ole Miss student Jimmie Lee, but he still has not been found. Now, a reward is being offered for information that leads to where he is.

7/13 The father of Jimmie Lee makes a public plea for information that could lead to Lee being found.

7/14 Police in Oxford sent the car of a missing Ole Miss student to the state crime lab hoping it will provide information as to where Jimmie Lee is.

7/14 After nearly 12 hours, a missing 5-year-old Lee County boy was found Thursday night. Robert Holcomb Jr. seemed to be in good condition when he was found, only suffering from dehydration.

7/15 The parents of Robert Holcomb Jr. are under arrest and charged with child neglect and possession of methamphetamine.

8/1 The parents of Robert Holcomb Jr. now face felony child abuse and drug endangerment charges following the 7/15 disappearance of the little boy from their home near Verona.

7/20 A community rally is held in Oxford for the missing Ole Miss student who has not been seen for two weeks.

7/25 Oxford police announced the arrest of Tim Herrington in connection with the disappearance of Ole Miss student Jimmie Lee.

7/27 Tim Herrington's initial court appearance was delayed until next month, but LGBTQ supporters showed up at the Lafayette County Courthouse in support of Jimmie Lee, the missing Ole Miss student whom police say was killed.

8/9 A judge denied bond for the man charged in the killing of missing Ole Miss student Jimmie Lee.

8/18 Tupelo police are asking for the public's help in finding a woman last seen after her release from the Lee County jail.

9/5 The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation has issued an Endangered/Missing Child Alert for a Pontotoc County teen. Elsa Yohana Gabriel Ventura, 16, is described as a Hispanic female around five feet, five inches tall, with long black hair and brown eyes.

9/6 The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation issued a Silver Alert Tuesday for a man from Tillatoba who has not been seen since the Labor Day holiday weekend. Otey Neal Dahl, 57, stands 6-foot-2-inches tall, weighs 200 pounds and was wearing a black and yellow shirt along with a red cap. He was found safe one day later.

9/23 Corinth police are asking for your help in finding a mother and her three-week-old son who failed to make a scheduled appearance Friday in Alcorn County Chancery Court. The two are identified as Amanda Barry and her son Caleb. The child was found safe later that night. No charges were filed against the mother.

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TAXES

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

Date: Various

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Duration: Various

Detailed Description: One subject that generally gets the attention of most people is the use of public tax dollars. Some people locally during the period got a break on their taxes because of holidays aimed at helping people prior to the start of school. Also, another community locally tried and failed to get voters to approve a new tax to raise money for the community.

7/12 A majority of voters in Kosciusko rejected a proposed two percent tax on meals at restaurants to raise money for tourism and improvements to city parks.

7/15 Alabama's sales tax weekend starts today with people not having to pay sales tax on school supplies and clothing as children prepare for the start of classes.

7/28 Mississippi's sales tax holiday is this Friday and Saturday where parents can avoid paying the tax on clothes and school supplies that individually cost no more than \$100.

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EDUCATION

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

Date: Various

Time: Various

Duration: Various

Detailed Description: This is the time of year when schools and universities start a new year, but the focus of our coverage went beyond the return to the classroom. It includes wrongdoing by a former educator, training for active shooter situations and an unusual case where a young man impersonated a student while avoiding being caught for two class periods.

7/13 Former Amory educator Toshemie Wilson is back in federal custody after he was previously allowed free on bond while facing federal charges stemming from him giving students cash to perform sex acts in front of him.

7/15 Local school resource officers are attending the state annual meeting for those officers, and their classes this week are focused on active shooter response.

7/19 Itawamba Community College says it will not raise the cost of tuition for students this school year.

7/21 The Mississippi Board of Education voted to allow school districts to make policies that would enable a teacher or administrator with a permit to carry a gun on campus.

7/25 Police at Mississippi State University will respond to hypothetical active shooter situations during live training situations Tuesday and Thursday.

7/26 The Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District started its new year-round schedule today, which comes with a shorter summer break and longer breaks during the fall and spring seasons.

7/26 Scott County Superintendent of Education Tony McGee has been hired to lead the public schools in Starkville and Oktibbeha County.

8/1 State Rep. Rickey Thompson says he and other parents are outraged at the conditions at Shannon High School and wants the administration to take action.

8/11 Five Sulligent, Alabama, students suffered minor injuries in an afternoon school bus crash north of the city.

8/12 Three teenagers are in custody after they brought a gun to school and prompted a lockdown. It happened around 1:20 p.m. Friday in Calhoun City at the Calhoun County Career and Technical Center building where the alternative school is housed.

8/16 Lowndes County Superintendent of Education Sam Allison says the district is relying on teachers to take students to and from school because of a shortage of school bus drivers.

8/19 A 20-year-old man from Memphis says he made a mistake by showing up at Houston High School the day before and posing as a student for two periods before he was discovered.

8/25 A conservative think tank is critical of Tupelo Public School District Superintendent Rob Picou making \$235,000 a year, which is more than Governor Tate Reeves makes.

9/15 Ole Miss Chancellor Glenn Boyce says police are using campus cameras for more than just security. He says officers are using them to monitor parking, speeding and traffic.

9/19 Mississippi University for Women signed an agreement with Copiah-Lincoln Community College that will make it easier for Co-Lin students to transfer to The W.

9/26 The CREATE Foundation honored educators this evening by giving 27 Tupelo teachers and three assistant teachers Teacher of Distinction awards. Each educator was nominated by their peers in recognition of their hard work in the classroom.

9/29 Mississippi University for Women President Nora Miller says she has appointed a task force to look at whether the university should change its name.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

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Duration: Various

Detailed Description: Tupelo city leaders found themselves involved in a couple of proposed projects that got some public attention. One of them generated public opposition over providing some new space. The other led to a half-million-dollar appeal to bring new life to an old property that was considered significant in its day.

7/19 The Tupelo City Council narrowly voted to approve the building of a new 46-unit apartment complex on Colonial Estates Road over public concerns property values will fall and traffic will increase.

9/23 A developer from suburban Jackson wants to turn the old Carnation Milk plant in Tupelo into housing for senior citizens, but he wants the city to loan him \$500,000 for the project.

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POLITICS

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Detailed Description: Mississippi's general election will not happen until the fourth quarter, but there was one city holding an election that brought with it a major shakeup at City Hall. Also, money and politics came to light one week in the area's largest city even though next year is the big year for elections in the Magnolia State.

7/1 A special election will be held November 8 to choose a new state representative for parts of Clay, Lowndes and Oktibbeha counties to replace the late Rep. Lynn Wright.

8/2 Voters in Corinth's municipal primaries elected the city's police chief as its new mayor. They also chose a new police chief, and the alderman at large race ended with a tie that will be decided by holding the election again in three weeks.

8/25 Governor Tate Reeves and state Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley both held fundraisers in Tupelo the same week even though their likely reelection bids will not happen until next year.

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MEDICAL MARIJUANA

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

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Detailed Description: More signs surfaced during this quarter that Mississippi is gradually moving toward its new medical marijuana program becoming a reality. Still, at least one local community was addressing limits to where that business can operate, and the state made progress in licensing dispensaries that one day hope to provide medical cannabis to patients.

8/3 A public hearing will be held after a man challenged Fulton's recent restrictions on medical marijuana businesses since he wants to grow plants less than 500 feet from a funeral home and nursing home.

8/11 The state has so far approved 93 medical marijuana dispensaries with 22 of them approved for North Mississippi.

8/17 The owner of Green Magnolia Dispensary says his motivation for opening a medical marijuana dispensary in Tupelo is the relief medical marijuana gave his college roommate who suffered from pancreatic cancer before his death.

8/30 Stinky Group Incorporated and Bluegreen Cannabis are among the 10 medical marijuana dispensaries approved by the state to open and operate in Tupelo.

Local Public Service Campaigns

Program Title: Change The Pattern

Date: September 5, 2022, to September 30, 2022

Time: ROS

Duration: :30 second spot

Detailed Description: WLOV ran 112 spots informing the public of the largest display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. There were free events, learning, sharing and quilt fellowship designed to reach communities in our area most impacted by HIV and AIDS. Spots were created by the National AIDS Memorial, Southern AIDS Coalition, and the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters.

Program Title: Mississippi Army National Guard

Date: July 1, 2022, to September 24, 2022

Time: ROS

Duration: :15 and :30 second spots

Detailed Description: WLOV ran 178 spots designed to inform viewers about the Mississippi Army National Guard's unique domestic mission. Each spot demonstrates their commitment to community and country, as well as many opportunities the Guard offers to lead, learn, and gain in-demand job skills – all while serving part-time, close to home. Spots were supplied by the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters.

Program Title: MAB Scholarships

Date: August 25, 2022, to September 25, 2022

Time: ROS

Duration: :30 second spot

Detailed Description: WLOV ran 254 spots informing the public that the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters is offering scholarships to Mississippi college enrolled junior and senior students who are pursuing degrees in broadcasting to help them realize their dreams. Spots were supplied by the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters.