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**WNCF-TV**

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## ***WNCF-TV LOCAL PROGRAMS***

### **ALABAMA NEWS NETWORK**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY; 5:00-7:00 A.M.**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY; 5:30-6:00 P.M.**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY; 10-10:35 P.M.**

**SATURDAY; 6:00-6:30 P.M.**

**10-10:30 P.M.**

**SUNDAY; 5:30-6:00 P.M.**

**10-10:30 P.M.**

Alabama News Network, the station's local news programs air at the times listed above. "Alabama News Network is Every Where" is the station's slogan. There are working newsrooms in Montgomery, West Alabama, South Alabama, and Troy. When news breaks in the West Alabama Newsroom, we are must faster in getting to the scene with live coverage; during hurricane season, we can cover dangerous conditions more easily by having the South Alabama newsroom with its live capabilities. When news happens in Troy, we have a one hour head start on the competition. They're on the road while we're on the air. Crews live in these areas; they know the people and the issues and can provide live coverage when news breaks 24 hours a day. Alabama News This Morning starts off the day's coverage with news that happened over night, and a look at stories in the making; the 5:30P; 10P; and weekend newscasts on Saturday at 6P and 10P; Sunday at 5:30P and 10P consist of late breaking news, sports and weather. Our viewers are given up-to-the minute news coverage as well as recaps of the day's top stories. Issues that are of concern to every sector of our society are featured each day in each newscast – government, education, economy, and health are given the same emphasis as crime, recreation, etc. During the quarter, anchors for Alabama News Network This Morning at 5 A.M. were Tim Lennox, Olivia Deas, and Ryan Stinnett; Anchors for Alabama News Network at 5:30 P.M. were Jeff Sanders, Ellis Eskew, Elissia Wilson, and Adam Solomon; Anchors for Alabama News Network at 10 P.M. were Stefanie Hicks, Darryl Hood, Shane Butler, and Adam Solomon; Anchors for Alabama News Network Saturday at 6P and 10P, and Sunday at 5:30P and 10P were Josh Ninke, Ben Lang, and Darryl Puckett.

### **ALABAMA NEWS NETWORK NEWSBRIEFS**

**7:25 A.M.**

**8:25 A.M.**

These 5 minute newsbriefs give viewers the latest local as well as national news information. Morning anchor Tim Lennox is the host.

### **WNCF-TV PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING**

#### **YOUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY**

**9:00-9:30 A.M.**

This 30 minute weekly locally produced public affairs program with Tim Lennox gives WNCF-TV a great opportunity to explore the issues one on one with the people who are making the news. The show covers significant community issues; crime, health, government, education, recreation, lifestyles, community, and tracks and gives exposure to economic development (including employment and industrial development). The program actively interviews city and state officials in an effort to keep track of problem solving on their levels. Guests who represent various segments of the community are featured as well.

#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**MONDAY- FRIDAY**

**5:00-7:00 A.M.**

This announcement tells the viewers of upcoming events in the River Regions area – whether it is religion, entertainment, sports, self-help, or education, it is publicized during these announcements. The station's calendar airs each Monday during the morning news program "Alabama News Network This Morning" when the public is updated on what is going on in the River Regions area. Viewers are also informed of what's coming up on the evening's newscasts.

### ***ABC NETWORK PROGRAMS***

#### **ABC NEWS SPECIALS**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY**

**VARIOUS**

### **ABC NEWS BRIEF**

*Monday through Friday*

Aprx. 1:58 - 2:00PM

This two-minute news capsule updates important news events of the day.

NOTE: As events warrant, ABC NEWS BRIEF may be expanded or re-scheduled, or an additional News Brief may be scheduled.

### **ABC NEWS SPECIALS**

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

#### **PRESIDENT OBAMA'S FAREWELL ADDRESS**

**8:00-10:00 P.M.**

President Barack Obama, in a farewell address, speaks to the nation about his 8 year term Presidency, his administration and policies, and the pending transition for the future President-Elect, Donald Trump.

Thursday, January 19, 2017

#### **AMERICA'S NEW FIRST FAMILY: THE TRUMPS GO TO WASHINGTON**

**9:00-10:00 P.M.**

This one-hour special features Elizabeth Vargas' exclusive interview with Donald J. Trump Jr. and a joint interview with Eric and Lara Trump about the criticism from ethics experts that their father's plan to leave his business in their care doesn't go far enough to deal with perceived conflicts of interests, their father's tone during the election and on Twitter and whether the American people can expect a different Donald Trump once he becomes President. Correspondent Deborah Roberts has the exclusive interview with Ivanka Trump on her platform and if she will act as First Lady.

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

#### **PRESIDENT TRUMP: THE FIRST INTERVIEW**

**9:00-10:00 P.M.**

President Donald Trump will do first interview with "World News Tonight" Anchor David Muir since taking the oath of office to become the 45<sup>th</sup> president of the United States.

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

#### **PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S ADDRESS TO CONGRESS**

**8:00-10:00 P.M.**

In his first as President of the United States, President Trump gives his first speech to Congress.

## **ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT**

**1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER, 2017**

**APRIL 10, 2017**

**1. CRIME**

**2. GOVERNMENT**

**3. HEALTH**

**4. EDUCATION**

**5. ECONOMY/JOB/INDUSTRY/  
DEVELOPMENT**

**6. COMMUNITY/LIFESTYLES/  
RECREATION**

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**"YOUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK"**  
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## **WNCF-TV PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING**

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### ***YOUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK***

**Sunday, January 8, 2017**

**9:00-9:30 A.M. and 4:00-4:30 P.M.**

**Host: Tim Lennox**

**Topic: The City of Montgomery**

**Guest: Todd Strange, Mayor of Montgomery**

Our first guest of the year is Mayor Todd Strange who came on once again this year to take about the State of the City. He said there were fewer crimes in 2016 but crime was up overall. There was also some good news – the Mayor said 2016 was the best financial year the city has seen in nearly a decade, so the city is in pretty good shape financially. Sales tax went up 1%, and hotels paid off big for Montgomery with guests making up a 3.5 increase in city revenue that added up to about \$3.5 million dollars. He said the city would start seeing changes with new development projects that are set to start soon. He said the city is gearing up for several upcoming events in and around the city. The Mayor maintains a good working relationship with the Montgomery City Council.

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**Government**

**Topic: Scaleback Alabama**

**Guest: Teresa B. Fair, MA, RD, LD, Alabama Department of Public Health**

As she did on last year, Ms. Fair came back today to talk about health, specifically health issues related to nutrition and physical activity. The Scale Back Alabama weight loss program will start back this month, and focused heavily on promoting program awareness and participation in the program. She and Tim talked about this yearly program where teams compete to see who can lose the most weight. In the 11<sup>th</sup> year of this statewide weight loss competition for adults, the contest starts in January and ends in April. The goal is for participants to lose at least ten pounds and is a safe, gradual weights loss of 1 pound a week. The hospital participates so they can be healthy and encourage others to be healthy also. Participants are encouraged to be mindful of what they eat, what they drink, to get more exercise, and to get the adequate amount of sleep. Teams were larger in the beginning, and the winner would be the person who lost the most weight. Monetary prizes are given to the winners, and there are individual prizes as well. Health tips are given to contestants weekly. In its 11<sup>th</sup> year, it is still Scaleback Alabama's goal to educate and empower participants to get, and stay healthy.

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**Health**



**Sunday, January 15, 2017**  
**9:00-9:30 A.M. and 4:00-4:30 P.M.**  
**Host: Tim Lennox**

**Topic: Steam Expo**  
**Guest: Zaron Johnson, Founder A.S.E of Ages, LLC**

Mr. Johnson talked about the upcoming expo, touched on statistical data, his previous experience in STEAM related fields, and the expectations for plans after this expo. According to The Alliance for Science & Technology Research in America it has been shown that approximately 30% of students are interested in S.T.E.M related careers. This is more than 1.6 million students right now in 2016, nationally. When comparing the statistics over the past 8 years, here in the state of Alabama, we can see that males have increased from 40% to 45.5%, but females have decreased from 15.7% to 13.2% in interest. When we look at African Americans particularly there has been a decrease in S.T.E.M interest from 27.4% to 24.4%. Although, these values have fluctuated it is important for us to focus on how to increase. Here in Alabama based on Afterschool Alliance they have identified that 19% of K-12 are responsible for taking care of themselves after school. That is an approximate 148,052 students. However, 41% of youth who are not in afterschool programs want to be in afterschool programs if they were available. And of the students who are in afterschool programs, 94% of the parents are satisfied with the outcome of the afterschool programs their child attends. He also discussed funding for the program.

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**Education**

**Topic: Homelessness in Montgomery**  
**Guest: Molly Stone, Mid Alabama Coalition For The Homeless**

Ms. Stone discussed Montgomery's homeless community, and programs in the city and State of Alabama that coordinate service for those locally. One may not see a large number of this population walking around, but they are here nevertheless, and it is a problem. There are different areas in the city where the homeless tend to go, and it is up to everyone to reach out and try to help them. Now-a-days a person can be just a check or two away from becoming homeless, and have to live in shelters, on the streets, or in some cases in their cars. Some local churches provide places of shelter for those without homes during the winter months. An annual street count of homeless people last year in Montgomery found some 800 people; later this month the Coalition for the Homeless will go out into the streets for this year's count. Volunteers will go all over the city, east, west, north, south, and even downtown Montgomery looking for homeless residents. The number will be released in the coming weeks. Last night an organization hit the streets again for an update. From North to South, east to west, and even downtown Montgomery, volunteers canvassed city streets looking for our homeless residents. The new numbers will be released in the next few weeks.

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**Community/Lifestyles**

**Sunday, January 22, 2017**  
**9:00-9:30 A.M. and 4:00-4:30 P.M.**  
**Host: Tim Lennox**

**Topic: Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts**  
**Guests: Margaret Lynne Ausfeld, Curator, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts**  
**Ryan Blocker, Textile Curator, Alabama Department of Archives and History**

The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts is showcasing several winter exhibitions to entertain and educate visitors of all ages throughout the season. From examples of hand-made quilts of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, to a thought-provoking look at contemporary Japanese ceramics paired with nature photographs, there will be plenty of diversions to help dismiss the cold-weather blues. On January 26, Jennifer Swope, Assistant Curator, David and Roberta Logie Department of Textile and Fashion Arts at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, will present the 2017 Fleischman Lecture, From Bed to Wall: Quilts as Art. Swope will explore the work of Alabama and other American quilters in the context of quilts' transformation from bed covers to art. The 28 quilts in Sewn Together: Two Centuries of Alabama Quilts are presented as "exemplary pairs," demonstrating and illustrating comparisons of the varied techniques, themes, and traditional patterns as seen in 200 years of Alabama quilt making. This exhibition is organized from the collections of the Alabama Department of Archives and History and the MMFA. Ms. Ausfeld and Ms. Blocker gave the viewers dates and times of upcoming events at Museum and the Department of Archives and History.

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**Community/Recreation**

**Topic: Fair Housing Symposium**  
**Guests: Enrique Lang, Executive Officer, The Fair Housing Agency of Alabama**

Mr. Lang visited us again to tell us about this year's symposium that will be held at Carver High School on January 24th. He talked about his work at the Fair Housing agency and generally and specifically what the agency does. The Allstate Foundation is again a partner, and he told the viewers about their involvement and their role in the project. He told Tim how the information from this symposium will help attendees achieve their American dream of home ownership; and additional ways it will be beneficial to attendees. He discussed in-depth the financial capability symposium and how it will provide the information, resources and technologies that will help improve the financial and economic viability of individuals and families by enabling attendees to: increase personal assets and financial options, improve credit reports, home purchase foreclosure prevention. Information will also be provided relative to the Alabama Tenant/Landlord Law and new renter rights. Mr. Lang gave the viewers contact information for the symposium, and how they could get in touch with him as well.

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**Community/Economy**

**Sunday, January 29, 2016**

**9:00-9:30 A.M.**

**Host: Tim Lennox**

**Topic: Healthy Minds Network – Mental Health Training**

**Guest: Lynn Beshear, Envision 20/20**

**Alana Barranco, Consultant with SummaSource at Auburn Montgomery**

Ms. Beshear and Ms. Barranco told the viewers about the Healthy Minds Network and the upcoming Mental Health Training that will be available on Tuesday, February 28. The Healthy Minds Network announces the availability of training in Mental Health First Aid. Mental Health First Aid is a public education program that introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental illnesses, builds understanding of their impact, and overviews common supports. This 8-hour course uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to offer initial help in a mental health crisis and connect persons to the appropriate professional, peer, social, and self-help care. The program also teaches the common risk factors and warning signs of specific types of illnesses, like anxiety, depression, substance use, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, and schizophrenia. The River Region now has 12 certified instructors in the adult and youth versions of Mental Health First Aid. Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour training that takes the fear and hesitation out of starting conversations about mental health and substance use problems. It teaches participants how to identify, understand, and respond to a variety of atypical behaviors and mental health situations. The training gives participants the skills needed to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who has a mental health or substance use problem or is experiencing a crisis. They also discussed the growth of the program, and gave viewers contact information.

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**Health**

**Topic: Hope Inspired Ministries**

**Guest: Michael Coleman, Director**

Mr. Coleman told Tim and the viewers how this ministry got its start by going over the history and success of Hope Inspired Ministries. It is a faith-based, local non-profit designed to train chronically unemployed men and women to obtain and maintain employment. Each student has to participate in a rigorous 11 week job training program as well as participate in over 400 hours of training which includes life skills, employment skills, character building, unpaid internships with local businesses, and GED preparation. He discussed their approach to alleviating poverty among their community members; told why their approach to getting chronically unemployed people into the workforce has been so successful; talked about the primary challenges of taking someone from the margins of our society and into the workforce; and gave ways the community assists them in efforts to create self-sufficiency among students. Their "Over The Edge" Fundraiser (people will rappel off the 40 Four Building) in Montgomery will be held on March 31 and April 1. Cost is \$1,000.00.

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**Community/Lifestyles**

**Sunday, February 5, 2017**

**9:00-9:30 A.M.**

**Host: Tim Lennox**

**Topic: Confucius Institute – Chinese New Year**

**Guest: Eric Yang, PhD, Dean, AUM Confucius Institute**

**Yunjia Yang, Dance Instructor, AUM Confucius Institute**

Dr. Yang discussed the upcoming Chinese New Year Celebration (Lunar New Year, also called the Spring Festival) that will be held on February 11 at the Alcazar Shrine Temple. They will have traditional Chinese New Year delicacies and entertainment; and he went over Chinese New Year traditions and their meanings. He talked about the Confucius Institute's mission which is to increase community interest in connecting with China and its people. He said this celebration is a great way for them to accomplish their mission of sharing Chinese Culture with the community. They also teach classes in Chinese culture and Chinese language since 1/5 of the world's population speak Chinese. He even taught Tim some Chinese a minute ago, and said learning the language is easier than people think. He said that all of their efforts are supported and made possible by Auburn Montgomery's commitment to diversity of people and perspectives with a culture of inclusiveness. He gave a list of other events at the Institute. Ms. Yang performed a beautiful traditional Chinese dance, one that will be featured at the New Year Celebration.

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**Community/Lifestyles/Recreation**

**Topic: Valiant Cross Academy**

**Guest: Anthony Brock, Principal**

Valiant Cross's Principal, Mr. Anthony Brock was today's guest. He and his brother, Fredrick Brock started Valiant Cross, an all-male private with a Christian emphasis here in the city in 2015. They wanted to start a school for all males to fill a gap and a void in some of the young boy's lives. They started with only 6<sup>th</sup> graders, added 7<sup>th</sup> graders in 2016 who stayed on for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. They will add a grade each year until they reach the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. In 2016 they added 30 more scholars, two instructors, and additional staff. They are now fully accredited and also AISA accredited. They have longer school days that include financial literacy, coding, robotics, and music programs. Their goal from the beginning was to combat the challenges of a single parent, low-income homes, drugs and violence. They stress discipline and structure for the at risk boys specifically from the Washington Park Area. They offer tuition assistance based on the financial needs of the families of the boys. They believe that with love, discipline, and a dedication to high expectations, all scholars can achieve. Their moto is "Rise Above". And they are taught that with honor, integrity, discipline, and love they will rise up to lead, to serve, and to inspire. Mr. Brock expects great things to happen this year.

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**Education**

**Sunday, February 12, 2017**

**900-9:30 A.M.**

**Host Tim Lennox**

**Topic: Black History**

**Guest: Richard Bailey, PhD, Historian**

Our guest today is an Alabama historian, and a frequent lecturer and consultant on black history. February is Black History Month, and today Dr. Bailey reminded everyone that it is important for them to know their history, regardless of their race. He talked about local Civil Rights leaders, their struggles, and their participation in the Civil Rights Movement. He talked about early educators, and how they were different from educators of today. The accomplishments of blacks today are due to those who came before, and fought for them. He told Tim about how blacks would come up with ideas, design and create things, and their “master” would then get a patent for what he had made, and get the credit for making it and benefit financially. He told Tim about Horace King, an African American born into slavery and was well known for designing roads, houses, and doing carpentry work. Mr. King designed and built the elegant circular staircase in the Alabama State Capital. He will be honored later this month when his portrait will be unveiled in the entrance way of the rotunda by the same staircase that he built. Dr. Bailey also talked about the historic Preservation Commission, and his work at the Alabama Department of Archives and History. He again stressed the importance of people knowing their own family’s history first, and then following that up with local, state, national, and world history. One should never stop learning.

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**Community/Lifestyles**

**Topic: American Heart Month/Red Dress Dash/Go Red**

**Guest: Elizabeth Williams, Community Events Co-coordinator, Baptist Health**

February is also American Heart Month. Ms. Williams said that Go Red For Women encourages awareness of the issue and action of women and heart disease, and also to save lives. Heart disease is the #1 killer of women; stroke the #5 killer of women in America (#4 in Alabama). Cardiovascular diseases and stroke cause 1 in 3 women’s deaths each year, killing approximately one woman every 80seconds which is more than all cancers combined. 80% of heart disease is preventable through lifestyles changes like diet, exercise, high cholesterol, blood pressure and blood sugar management. Alabama is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for the number of deaths related to cardiovascular disease, and ranks #1 in the nation for highest rates of stroke related deaths. Alabama loses over 12,600 people to heart disease each year, and 3,400 to stroke which is 30% of all deaths in the state. That’s 1 death every 80 seconds. Since Go Red was founded, 293 fewer women are dying each day of heart disease. The American Heart Association raised more than \$1.8 million in Birmingham in 2014-2015. The Red Dress Dash will be held on February 25 at the Baptist East Campus. Registration is free; t-shirt is \$25. Register today [Heart.org/CentralAlabama](http://Heart.org/CentralAlabama).

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**Community/Education/Lifestyles**

**Sunday, February 19, 2017**  
**9:00-9:30 A.M. and 4:00-4:30 P.M.**  
**Host: Tim Lennox**

**Topic: City of Selma**  
**Guests: Darrio Melton, Mayor, Selma, Alabama**

During Black History Month, the black Mayor of the historic city of Selma, Alabama was featured on this segment. Darrio Melton won the run-off election to be Selma's new Mayor in October of last year defeating former Mayor James Perkins. Incumbent Mayor George Evans was defeated in the elections last August. Selma was the focus of the Southern Christian Leadership's Conference to register black voters in 1965. The demonstrations and violence gained the attention of the world as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led this valiant, triumphant fight. The March Across the Edmund Pettus Bridge draws thousands of visitors each year, some returning each year along with politicians, celebrities, and other notable people individuals to re-enact the crossing of the Bridge. Mayor Melton discussed crime in Selma (the violent crime rate is one of the highest in the nation); the balanced budget; and building a legacy together. Tim asked about the City's refusal to pay for the Civil War re-enactment that is a big draw each year. Because of this, the event will not be held this year. Also, he is against the funding of the Bridge Crossing Jubilee this year as well.

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**Community/Education**

**Topic: City of Tuskegee**  
**Guest: Tony Haygood, Mayor, Tuskegee, AL**

Like Selma, Tuskegee Alabama is a historic city in Macon County Alabama. It is well known for Tuskegee University (Tuskegee Institute) where Booker T. Washington, and George Washington Carver served as Presidents of the University, and where the famed Tuskegee Airmen trained. The former Mayor, Johnny Ford, served for a total of eight terms. He is also an African-American. Tony Haywood, a former City Councilman defeated Johnny Ford in the elections last August, winning 62% of the votes. Like Mayor Melton, Mayor Haygood discussed crime in his city; their budget; education, and employment. He said that the people spoke when they elected him, and said it is time for a change, and it is time for the city to improve things. He said they are working with the people and making improvements to rebuild Tuskegee. He is working on financial stability. Revitalizing downtown, strengthening the relationship between the city and Tuskegee University, and working on economic development. There are a lot of tourist attractions in the city that could benefit them financially, and one of them is the Tuskegee Airmen Museum. Mayor Haygood also hopes to strengthen the police department by hiring more officers and buying more police cars. He talked about several other things that he would like to get done in the city. He will return later and give us an update.

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**Community/Lifestyles**

**Sunday, February 26, 2016**  
**9:00-9:30 A.M. and 12:30-1:00 P.M.**  
**Host: Tim Lennox**

**Topic: Alabama Film Commission**  
**Guest: Tommy Fell, Location Coordinator, Alabama Film Office**

Tonight is Oscars Sunday, and Mr. Fell visited with us once again to talk about the filming industry, and movies that were made in Alabama. Mr. Fell said that the atmosphere in Alabama is so diverse that filmmakers find it hard to resist to be captivated by its charms. Alabama has nurtured giants of literature, music, art and theater, and is a stunning contrast of environments that is the most biologically diverse place in America outside of California. You can drive through some of our cities and towns that seem not to have changed much in many years. He said Alabama has catered to everything from small independent shorts to massive Hollywood film productions. Two of the state's most famous actors are from the area and have close relatives in the area, and they are Octavia Spencer who is up for another Academy Award tonight, and Channing Tatum. Octavia is from Montgomery, graduating from Jefferson Davis High School before going to Auburn University. Alabama has filmed some very successful movies in the state including 42 (the story of Jackie Robinson, Birmingham, AL); Borat, filmed in Birmingham; Tom and Huck, Mooresville, AL; Sweet Home Alabama, some filmed in Eufaula, AL; Talladega Nights, Talladega Super Speedway; Space Camp, partially in Huntsville; Selma, Selma and Montgomery; Big Fish, Wetumpka, Montgomery, Prattville, and Tallassee along with several other movies.

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**Community/Recreation**

**Topic: Wetumpka Crater Lecture and Tours**  
**Guest: Marilee Tankersley, Treasurer, Wetumpka Crater Commission**

**Shannon McDonald, Vice Chairperson, Wetumpka Crater Commission**

Ms. Tankersley, and Ms. McDonald came by today to tell the viewers about the annual Wetumpka Crater Lecture and tour. We have all heard that "Stars Fell on Alabama". In fact, one very large meteor made quite a hit, 85 million years ago, near the end of the "Age of Dinosaurs". The greatest natural disaster in Alabama history happened near the city of Wetumpka. First discovered in 1969, an astrobleme, meaning "star wound" was confirmed and registered in 1998 by Dr. David King Jr., Professor of Geology, Auburn University, as the Wetumpka Impact Crater. Because the location was covered by a shallow sea at the time of impact, scientists have declared it to be one of the "best preserved marine impact craters in the world". Each year the Wetumpka Impact Crater Commission and the City of Wetumpka sponsor several Crater events, a Thursday evening public lecture by Dr. David King Jr., Friday school tours and Saturday public tours of the Crater. The Friday March 3 tours will be open to a limited number of school students on a first reserved basis. Teachers can call Ms. Tankersley at 334-567-4637.

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**Community/Recreation**

**March 5, 2017**

**9:00-9:30 A.M. and 1:00-1:30 P.M.**

**Host: Tim Lennox**

**Topic: Severe Weather**

**Guest: Art Faulkner, Director, Alabama Emergency Management Agency**

Mr. Faulkner discussed severe weather in the state and natural disasters that can occur at any time. Severe Weather Awareness Week in Alabama was February 19 – February 24, and we have had some severe thunderstorms, but nothing like the tornadoes a few years ago in Tuscaloosa. Mr. Faulkner again talked about weather patterns, and the need to be prepared for them. He discussed paying attention to tornado warnings, shelters, and what to do when you are under a tornado watch or warning. He also explained the difference between a watch and a warning but said both should be taken very seriously. He advised the viewers to be prepared and to have a kit on hand at all times to be ready in the event bad weather approaches. This kit should include water, batteries, food, medicine, and important papers in waterproof bags. It is also advisable to have a weather radio on hand as well. Because of the heavy rains and flooding in some areas, he talked about how dangerous flooding can be. He said it is very dangerous to drive in flooded areas, and it is best to turn around when approaching water that you can't determine how deep it is. Mr. Faulkner advises those who live in trailers as well as those to live in houses to see a safe place when severe weather approaches.

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**Community**

**Topic: Annual Zoo Weekend**

**Guests: Meaghan Weir, Marketing and Public Relations Manager, Montgomery Zoo**

**Jennifer Hutcheson, Education Curator, Montgomery Zoo**

Ms. Weir and Ms. Hutcheson came on today to tell us about their Annual Zoo Weekend. It is a festive environment with live entertainment, games, rides, bouncy houses, big slides, inflatables, pony and camel rides, petting zoo, karate demos, Montgomery Police K-9 presentation, live animal presentations, concessions and animals from around the world. This is a family friendly event where everyone can enjoy the many activities, the fantastic food, and have fun together at an affordable price. It is also an excellent opportunity to take advantage of discounted memberships. Ms. Hutcheson brought a resident from the zoo, a Harris Hawk whose name is Phoenix, and told the viewers all about him. He is a really cool, well behaved bird. Zoo Weekend is the Zoo's annual fundraising event, and all proceeds will go to the new Stingray Exhibit. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$11 for children ages 3-12 years old, FREE for toddlers 2 years old and younger and Montgomery Zoo members. Special discounted admission for the Mann Museum: \$3 all ages. As in previous years, Alabama News Network is a sponsor of the event, and has featured the Zoo on several stories to promote the event.

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**Community/Lifestyles/Recreation**



**March 12, 2017**

**9:00-9:30 A.M.**

**Host: Tim Lennox**

**Topic: The Wellness Coalition**

**Guest: Cynthia Bisbee, PhD, executive Director, Wellness Coalition**

**Ghandi Daniels, Wellness Coalition, Programs Coordinator**

Dr. Bisbee and Ms. Daniels talked about the Wellness Coalition on today's show. It helps those in need gain access to health insurance, no matter what that health insurance may be. Wellness Case Management is the primary service offered by TWC. The service is conducted by Community Health workers or wellness navigators in their office in Baptist and Jackson hospitals and at other area locations. They train staff members at other organizations and nonprofits to be Community Health Workers so they can also offer similar services, thereby increasing the amount of people who can be reached/helped. They hold statewide conferences and train health professionals there as well as at local churches to be able to administer health education to their congregations and communities. The Wellness Coalition is unique in that its board is made up of local hospitals and community agencies (not people) who form a health care safety net. They created a short film last year that really gets to the heart of Wellness Case Management and Community Health Workers. It is a great resource and can be seen at the following website: <https://www.thewellnesscoalitionorg/film>.

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**Health**

**Topic: Enable Savings Plan, Alabama**

**Guest: Young Boozer, State Treasurer, State of Alabama**

Treasurer Boozer came on today's show to talk about a new plan that will offer tax-free savings accounts to Alabama residents with disabilities. The Enable Savings Plan Alabama was launched on February 26 for Alabama residents with disabilities. The plan allows eligible Alabamians to save for their future and everyday disability-related expenses tax-free without jeopardizing their public benefits. Enable Alabama offers five investment options for savers - growth, moderate and conservative mutual funds, and two FDIC-insured, interest-bearing investment options – a bank savings investment option, and a checking investment option. Account owners can save up to \$14,000 annually in their own names, and their total assets can grow to \$100,000 without impacting resource-based benefits. Prior to the ABLE Act, people with disabilities generally became ineligible for federal benefits such as Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income if they had more than \$2,000 in assets in their name. Mr. Boozer said their focus has been to serve the needs of Alabama residents. We are excited to offer individuals with disabilities an affordable, simple and straightforward savings option that will help them achieve greater financial independence."

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**Health/Economy**

**March 19, 2017**

**9:00-9:30 A.M., and 12:30-1:00 P.M.**

**Host: Tim Lennox**

**Topic: Spring Break Travel/Fatal Accidents**

**Guest: Corporal Jesse Thornton, Public Information/Education Unit,  
Alabama Law Enforcement Agency**

Spring Break is all about relaxation and recreation, but the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) urges everyone to play it safe. Between now and the end of April, Alabama motorists should expect busier roadways and waterways across the state as families and high school/college students head to the beach, lake or other warm-weather attraction for a little spring break fun. Whatever the plans, ALEA will work to ensure public safety, with Alabama State Troopers enforcing state laws and assisting motorists and boaters. "Spring break should be fun. We do, however, ask everyone to move safety to the top of the to-do list when planning road trips," He reminded parents to sit down with their children, particularly those who will travel with friends, and review Alabama's traffic and boating laws. He said to remind them to buckle up, to obey speed limits, to avoid texting and other distractions while driving and to use life vests while boating. Parents should also remind their children who are younger than 21 of the state's law pertaining to underage drinking, and should closely monitor teens to prevent underage consumption of alcoholic beverages. This piece of advice applies to prom season, as well.

**15 Minutes**

**Community/Government**

**Topic: Council On Substance Abuse**

**Guests: Karen Wright, Behavioral Health Prevention Specialist, Council On  
Substance Abuse  
Muhammad Hasan, Behavioral Health Prevention Specialist, Council  
On Substance Abuse**

Ms. Wright and Mr. Hasan talked about students and substance abuse and the dangers of drinking, taking drugs, and driving distracted. Ms. Wright said that those they council seem to learn more by seeing, and example than what you tell them. They have glasses for the students to put on that simulates being drunk. They then have the students pretend that they are driving, and are given a drunk driving test. Students see how an accident can happen and what all drivers go through when driving under the influence. They discussed their upcoming "No Grey Area" Campaign in Dallas, County that promotes Underage Drinking Awareness. According to the Alabama Department of Mental Health, in Dallas County, 26 % of 9<sup>th</sup> graders and almost 30% of 10<sup>th</sup> graders drink. For 11<sup>th</sup> graders the drinking rate is 34%. It jumps to nearly 54% by the students' senior year. They also discussed signs of drugs or alcohol problems; what parents can do if they suspect their teen is drinking, and the ways teens disguise alcohol use.

**:15 Minutes**

**Community/Health**

**March 26, 2017**

**9:00-9:30 A.M. & 4:00-4:30 P.M.**

**Host: Tim Lennox**

**Topic: Kenneth Paschal, President, Alabama Family Rights Association**

**Guest: Melissa Isaak, Litigator, and Family Law Attorney, Isaak Law Firm**

Mr. Paschal and Attorney Isaak discussed the problem with the child custody law practices – who the winners are losers are, the fairness, or lack thereof of the 80/20 custody arrangement, and the impact the law has on children. They talked about groundbreaking research on shared parenting: 40 studies show and 112 experts agree that “shared parenting should be the norm for parenting plans for children of all ages. Mr. Paschal talked about the Senate Bill 186 – the Children’s Equal Access Act, and hopes the Senate will vote yes on it. He gave a summary of SB 186. Existing law specifies that it is the policy of this state that parents who are divorced or separated have frequent and continuing contact with their children, but existing law established no statutory definition of frequent and continuing contact which results in an unequal application of law for parents and children across the state. Child custody determinations are predicated more on which judge hears the case rather than the actual circumstances of the case. This bill would establish uniform guidelines to be used in all child custody determinations and create a rebuttal presumption that both parents are fit to make parenting decisions. It would also require the parties to submit parenting plans in all cases.

**:15 Minutes**

**Community**

**Topic: Annual Crawfish Boil Fundraiser Benefitting Easter Seals**

**Guest: Varina Mead, Easter Seals of Central Alabama**

**Stefania Cumuze, Co-Chair, Autism Crawfish Boil Committee**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Autism Crawfish Boil is a family affair. Varina and Ms. Cumuze talked about the upcoming event that has raised thousands of dollars for Easter Seals of Central Alabama. When the event started thirteen years ago in Montgomery, there was little known about Autism at that time, and their goal then was to raise public awareness about the disease. They hope to raise a lot of interest and a lot of funding to help families of children with autism next weekend. They will cook 4,000 pounds of crawfish (which is really two tons of crawfish for the boil), along with potatoes, corn, and sausage. This year it will held at the Railyard Brewing Company, in downtown Montgomery. They are expecting about 1,100 to 1,300 people to attend and will actually close the street down. Cumuze said the Autism Crawfish Boil is a completely volunteer-run event benefitting Easter Seals Central Alabama and their autism services that they provide throughout the River Region. Cumuze said the event is 100% donation – they don’t have any overhead for the event. They bring in the donations, maintain the event, plan the event, and main the event. Maxwell Air Force Base has been event volunteers every year. A little over \$30,000 was raised at last year’s boil. Visit online or call 334-288-0240 for more info.

**:15 Minutes**

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**LOCAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST**  
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## **WNCN-TV NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: CRIME**

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1/4/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

### **TERROR THREATS IN MONTGOMERY**

Police have made an arrest in a string of terrorist threats made against the city starting on December 30th. Montgomery police arrested Matthew Shashy this morning after he barricaded himself at home this morning in the McGehee Estates neighborhood not far from the Montgomery Country Club. They say he fired 3 shotgun rounds in the direction of Maxwell Air Force Base.

1:30 VO/SOT

1/10/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

### **GREENVILLE POLICE CRIME**

Greenville Police are implementing a few new tactics to prevent crime in 1027, and it all starts with connecting to the community. Officers are now required to stop every hour and check on local businesses while on patrol. Each officer is assigned a few businesses to drive by, walk around, and talk to store owners and customers. Chief Justin Lovvorn has also increased patrol in high traffic and high crime areas.

1:10 CAM/VO/SOT

1/11/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

It is estimated that as many as 800,000 victims are trafficked in the U.S. every year. One task force is committed to raising awareness of human trafficking across Alabama. Today is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alabama Human Trafficking Awareness Day. The Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force works to combat all aspects of human trafficking including sex and labor trafficking.

:40 CAM/VO/SOT

1/13/17 – 5:00-5:00 A.M.

### **SPLC SETTLEMENT**

Officials with the Montgomery based Southern Poverty Law Center say they have reached an agreement with Alabama Prison officials on the treatment of suicidal prisoners. Judge Myron Thompson ordered the Department of Corrections to implement a 15 point plan that includes better trained personnel and a more aggressive system to monitor inmates.

:30 CAM/VO/SOT

1/13/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**ALCOHOL SOLD TO MINORS**

Troy police are cracking down on underage alcohol sales at local convenience stores. Officials are monitoring local stores very closely after receiving complaints from people who say they've observed underage alcohol sales. In addition to being fines, a store can also risk having its license suspended or revoked for this offense.

:45 CAM/VO/SOT

1/13/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**DARYL BAILEY SWORN IN**

Daryl Bailey will continue to serve as Montgomery County's District Attorney, and was sworn in for another term today at the County Courthouse. He said he will hold bond offenders accountable, push for harsh penalties, higher bonds for violent offenders, and continue to focus on protecting the county's children by punishing those who don't pay child support and by making sure kids don't end up behind bars.

:50 CAM/VO/SOT

1/23/17 – 5-5:30 P.M.

**BENTLEY AT SHERIFF'S THING**

Governor Robert Bentley was the keynote speaker this morning with the Alabama Sheriff's Association. His main topic was what we are doing with the prison system. Prison population is about 175% and is a big issue for many of the sheriffs because some of that overflow heads to their county jails. He said he will continue to look for other ways to improve the system.

1:30 CAM/VO/SOT

1/23/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**STRANGE DEATH PENALTY RULING**

Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange is speaking out about today's U.S. Supreme Court decision not to hear petitions by three death row inmates challenging the constitutionality of the State's Capital Sentencing Law. He said today's ruling is another victory for the rule of law and is a reaffirmation that Alabama's death sentencing law is constitutional.

:45 CAM/GFX

1/26/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**POLICE AMNESTY**

Greenville Police have once again started up the annual amnesty Program that is designed to help anyone with outstanding warrants in the Greenville system pay those fines. The program has been in place for several years in Greenville and Lieutenant Danny Boys says last year's program helped about 200 people pay their outstanding warrants.

1:50 PKG

1/30/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**COLLIER NAMED SELMA PD CHIEF**

Former Secretary of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Spencer Collier has been named the New Chief of Police in Selma. Mayor Darrio Melton announced Collier as his pick to lead the police department today. Collier is also a former homeland security director for Alabama and a former State Trooper. He will take over as new Chief on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

:55 CAM/VO/SOT

1/30/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**NEW CHIEF**

Georgiana has a new Police Chief. Carlton Cook spent 25 years in Montgomery law enforcement before moving to Georgiana. He grew up in Greenville and is no stranger to the area. He is the first African-American Police Chief for the City. His main goal is to bring unity to Georgians by reaching out and listening to the community.

:35 CAM/VO/SOT

2/2/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**GANG ROUNDUP**

Montgomery Police Department says the city has a real gang problem, but today they announced several big arrests after partnering with law enforcement. The 15 arrests announced today are the culmination of months of work. MPD reached out to the U.S. Marshalls Office, the FBI, and several other organizations to make this happen.

1:10 CAM/LIVE

2/2/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**CRIME IN MONTGOMERY**

Mayor Todd Strange is speaking out on public safety when it comes to crime in the city. He and other public safety officials gathered at City Hall to highlight some of the ways they are tackling it. For information on how police are fighting crime, just head to [alabamaneWS.net](http://alabamaneWS.net) and click on this story.

2:05 PKG

2/3/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUMMIT**

Human trafficking is a growing problem in the United States, including Alabama. The State's Human Trafficking Task Force held a summit today to help 'end it'. Hundreds of people from organizations all over the state participated. Calls made to the national hotline from Alabama are on the rise. Call that hotline at 1-888-373-7888 if you know someone involved in human trafficking.

:50 CAM/VO/SOT

2/5/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**CORRECTIONS OFFICERS GRADUATION**

Twenty-one new correctional officers graduated into the ranks of the largest law enforcement agency in the state this afternoon in Selma. DOC officials say the graduates completed 12 weeks of intense training to get them ready to work in Alabama prisons. This latest graduating class is one of the smallest in years.

:50 CAM/VO/SOT

2/6/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**ADOC PRISON TOUR**

The plan to consolidate those 14 prisons is called the Alabama Prison Transformation Initiative. Prison Commissioner Jeff Dunn discussed the initiative with journalists who toured two state facilities today . . . showing why he feels it's necessary for lawmakers to pass it.

2:30 PKG

2/10/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**EXTRA: I SEE YOU**

There's one growing trend across the country many homeowners are not getting on board with: Personal Home Security cameras. They're set up to catch anyone who may be snooping around homes and neighborhoods. But how useful are they? Law enforcement officials say they can be very helpful in fighting crime, and they will even help you select the right system.

7:35 PKG

2/16/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**MIDTOWN TOWN HALL MEETING**

A town hall meeting is taking place at Trinity Presbyterian Church and multiple representatives are expected to speak there tonight including Montgomery Police Chief Finley and City Council Member Arch Lee. Some of their goals are to find ways to improve safety and communication in the area. Residents can voice their concerns (gunshots and suspicious people in their neighborhoods) during a Q & A period.

1:05/LIVE

2/17/16 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**DEMOPOLIS SAFE CITY**

The National Council for Home Safety and Security releases its 2017 list of the safest cities in the state and the City of Demopolis in Marengo County ranks high on the list. Reporter George McDonald has the details.

2:40 PKG



2/21/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**CONCEALED WEAPONS**

A bill proposed this legislative session could repeal some major restrictions on carrying and possessing firearms, specifically who is allowed to carry them. Law enforcement officers are speaking out against the bill saying it's a potential danger to the entire state. Reporter Caitlyn Cline spoke with Butler County authorities and has their opinions.

2:10 PKG

2/22/17 – 5:00-6:00 A.M.

**SHOT SPOTTER**

The Montgomery Police Department has been using a computer program called Shot Spotter. It tracks gunshots and alerts officers by using technology for locating gunfire using sensors that record audio. An operator listens to the recording, forwards it back to dispatch who then initiates a call and dispatches a unit to the area. All this takes 45 seconds.

2:10 PKG

3/1/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**DRUG PROGRAM**

Georgiana's new Police Chief Carton Cook is implementing a prescription drug takeback – the first the city has ever participated in on March 8, from 10A-2P. It is designed to get potentially harmful drugs out of the city. He is also holding Amnesty Day to help those with outstanding warrants pay them off on April 6 from 2-7 P.M. Chief Cook is trying to reach out to the community with different programs that have never been in Georgiana.

1:25 PKG

3/1/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**NEW OFFICERS**

Greenville are expanding the force by four, and two are changing the face of the Greenville PD. The new cadets are just as diverse as the city of Greenville. Two of the officers are women, something Greenville hasn't had in more than eight years. Police Chief Lovvorn says if his budget allows, he hopes to hire another officer or two soon.

1:40 PKG

3/1/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**GUN PERMITS**

The Senate Judiciary Committee has approved a bill that would allow people to carry a concealed handgun without a permit. President of the Alabama Sheriff's Association Wally Olson says the bill is bad for both legislation and public safety. Some State Sheriffs spoke both against and in favor of the bill.

:35 CAM/VO

3/15/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**EXECUTION BLOCKED**

An appellate court has ruled that Alabama cannot execute a 66-year-old inmate saying dementia has left him unable to understand his death sentence. He was scheduled to die last May for killing a Mobile Police officer in 1985 but was granted a stay. Attorneys for the Equal Justice Initiative say several strokes and dementia has left Vernon Madison with an IQ of 72.

:35 CAM/GFX

3/21/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**RED LIGHT CAMERAS**

Red light cameras have been in use in Montgomery since 2008, and now the police department is releasing some scary video of what can happen when you run a red light. They are hoping the footage makes people think twice before breaking the law. Reporter Andrew James joins us live with more.

3:40 PKG

3/22/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**JOB DATA BASE**

The Alabama Department of Labor says hackers may have stolen personal information from many Alabamians who used the job search database, America's JobLink, a web-based system that links job seekers with employers. The company that maintains the website says the hacker viewed the names, social security numbers, and birthdates of jobseekers in the system.

:40 GFX

3/28/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**ATM SKIMMING**

Alabama's Attorney General's office has teamed up with Greenville, Prattville, Mobile's Police Department as well as federal authorities to put a stop to ATM skimming. Attorney General Steven Marshall says skimming is becoming the tool of choice for those wanting to steal victim's identities. Authorities are working to raise awareness.

:35 CAM/VO

3/29/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**DISTRACTED DRIVING**

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and Alabama Law enforcement Agency, along with ALDOT and the Department of Economic and Community Affairs are teaming up to remind Alabamians to put their phones down when they are behind the wheel. Texting while driving is illegal in Alabama, and records show more than 300,000 wrecks were attributed to distracted driving in 2015.

:55 CAM/VO/SOT

## **WNCN-TV LOCAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: GOVERNMENT**

1/2/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

### **US SENATE INTERVIEWS**

Governor Bentley continues to interview possible candidates for the US Senate Seat that is likely to be vacated by US Senator Jeff Sessions who has been nominated to become U.S. Attorney General. Area residents we spoke with have mixed opinions on the possible candidates to replace Jeff Sessions in the US Senate.

2:13 PKG

1/2/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

### **TRUMP TRANSITION**

President-Elect Donald Trump is back at home in New York City after celebrating the holidays in Florida. He will hold meetings this week with the heads of U.S. Intelligence agencies. Over the weekend the President Elect cast more doubt on their conclusion that Russian hackers carried out cyberattacks in the run up to the U.S. election

2:31 PKG

1/4/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

### **CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council is considering dilapidated buildings in the city. It's mainly kind of a structural issue meaning it's an unsafe structure and is unsafe to be occupied in its current state. Councilman Conway says it can cost \$3,000 or more to demolish a structure

:45 VO/SOT

1/4/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

### **SESSIONS**

The NAACP is protesting U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions' nomination for U.S. Attorney General, and they are not alone. The Washington Post reports 1,100 law school professors from 170 law schools in 48 states want the Senate to reject Sessions. Their letter is being sent to Congress and will be included in a full page newspaper ad aimed at members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

:40 CAM/VO

1/5/17 – 5-5:30 P.M.

### **MAYORS BRIEFING**

The City of Montgomery is gearing up for upcoming events at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival – a Clint Black concert that will fund the Festival; the Maxwell AFB Open House and Air show that will commemorate the USAF's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as a century of airpower and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Country's entry into World War I.

:50 CAM/VO/SOT

1/10/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**SESSIONS CONFIRMATION HEARING**

The man who is likely to become the nation's top law enforcement official is facing some tough questions about allegations of racial comments in the past. Michelle MaCaluso is on Capitol Hill with more details about Senator Sessions' confirmation hearing to the next Attorney General.

1:55 PKG

1/11/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**ROCK THE VOTE SESSIONS**

As the President Elect's nominees are testifying before the Senate, one large National Organization is taking a stand against Senator Jeff Sessions. Tonight, its leaders are talking to us and explaining why they're against Senator Sessions as Attorney General of the United States.

2:55 PKG

1/18/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE**

The Montgomery City council has voted to create areas where food trucks can operate downtown. The regulations limit where the trucks can operate and whether they can move around. There will be parking spots that will be marked specifically food trucks. The signs should be in place within a month. Food trucks can still operate on private property if they have the owner's permission.

3:00 PKG

1/20/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**TRUMP OATH**

There was a peaceful transfer of power in Washington from President Barack Obama to President Donald Trump. The swearing in took place at 11 o'clock our time in front of the U.S. Capitol. Vice President Mike Pence was sworn in just before 11 A.M., then the Mormon Tabernacle Choir performed before Trump took the oath. Here's a look at that moment.

1:40 CAM

1/20/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**NATIONAL INAUGURAL PKG**

Washington, DC is partying tonight in celebration of Donald Trump's swearing-in as the Nation's 45<sup>th</sup> President. The Inaugural Balls cap off a day of pomp and circumstance. Don Champion has more from Washington.

1:55 PKG

1/24/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**STATE OF THE CITY**

Mayor Todd Strange delivered his State of the City Address this morning. There were fewer homicides in 2016 but crime was up overall. There was also some good news – Strange says 2016 was the best financial year the city has seen in nearly a decade. Sales tax went up 1%; hotels paid off big for Montgomery with guests making up a 3.5 increase in city revenue that added up to about \$3.5 million dollars.

:30 CAM/VO

1/27/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**ALAN BOOTH ON LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

The start of this year's legislative session is less than two weeks away. Reporter Danielle Wallace spoke with State Representative Alan Booth of Pike County about the upcoming session. He said the biggest issues Alabama faces right now is without a doubt overcrowding in the State's prisons. She has more.

1:45 PKG

1/30/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**MONTGOMERY AIRPORT PROTESTS**

A group protested at the Montgomery Regional Airport tonight – these two LAMP High School Seniors were the minds behind Monday night's protest at the Montgomery Regional Airport . . . Odion Ovbiagele and Elizabeth Dudley both hoped to go to similar protests in Birmingham but when they weren't able to they decided to do something in Montgomery. They were protesting President Trump's travel ban.

1:10 PKG

1/31/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**TRUMP PICKS**

President Trump made good on his campaign promise to nominate a conservative to the Supreme Court. He has selected Judge Neil Gorsuch, and called him on Monday to inform him he was the choice. The two men met in Mid-January at Trump Tower. Justice Scalia's widow was at the White House for the announcement.

1:55 PKG

2/1/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**STEVE ON SCOTUS PICK**

The Supreme Court announcement isn't much of a surprise. Alabama News Network Ellis Eskew talked with our political analyst Steve Flowers for more insight on the President's pick of Neil Gorsuch.

2:00

2/3/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**MONTGOMERY WATER WORKS BOARD**

The Alabama Public Service Commission regulates most big state utilities including Alabama Power and Alabama Gas. Their job includes setting fair rates and making sure both customers and the companies are treated fairly. The PSC does not regulate another big Montgomery utility (Water Works), and Alabama news Network's Tim Lennox Investigates.

4:50 PKG

2/3/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL SWORN IN**

Alabama has a new Attorney General. Steve Marshall has officially been sworn in as the state's top prosecuting attorney. He was introduced today at a press conference that has just wrapped up. After he was sworn in he spoke in depth about his background. Andrew will have more on today's press conference on tonight's 10 P.M. report.

2:24 CAM/VO/SOT

2/7/16 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**TALKBACK**

Political Analyst Steve Flowers joined us on today's Talkback. The Governor gave his State of The State address tonight as lawmakers are back in session. Calls were taken at 1-800-504-4084 and 420-TALK.

4:00 SET/GFX

2/8/17 – 5:00 – 7:00 A.M.

**STATE OF THE STATE SPEECH**

Governor Robert Bentley laid out his wish list for the legislative session during a State of The State address last night. He used his address to push for several issues and touted some of the state's accomplishments in his past 6 years in office. One of the things he wants to do is get rid of the state's food tax that generates about \$250 million into the State Education Trust Fund.

2:17 PKG

2/8/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**SIEGELMAN OUT OF PRISON**

After six years in a Federal prison in Louisiana, former governor Don Siegelman is now a somewhat free man. He is expected to be put on a very restrictive probation for about 6 months which might prevent him from being able to speak to the media. He is on the way to a Birmingham Probation office and then is expected to home to house arrest.

2:20 CAM/ VO

2/8/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**SESSIONS CONFIRMED**

Jeff Sessions will be sworn in Thursday as the country's new Attorney General. The Senate confirmed the former Alabama Senator after a contentious 24 hours of debate. He was confirmed despite objections from his Democratic colleagues who voted mostly against party lines.

1:40 PKG

2/9/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**MAYORS BRIEFING**

The City of Montgomery will start seeing some changes as several new development projects are set to begin. Mayor Strange announced the Five Points Fire House will be renovated and will open to poverty-stricken or homeless women. There are also plans to convert old abandoned buildings into restaurants, lounges, and retail stores in the Five Points and Cottage Hill Districts.

:45 CAM/VO/SOT

2/9/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**BENTLEY APPOINTS STRANGE**

Governor Robert Bentley wasted no time naming a replacement to Jeff Sessions' Senate seat. He officially appointed Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange first thing this morning, and held an announcement ceremony that we aired live on Alabama News Network.

2:40 CAM/VO/SOT

2/13/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL SWORN IN**

Steve Marshall has officially been sworn in as the State's top persecuting attorney. He was introduced today at a press conference that has just wrapped up. He is a native of Atmore, Alabama and said he's aware of the circumstances surrounding his appointment. If there is an investigation into Governor Bentley, he says he will recuse himself.

1:45 CAM/VO/SOT

2/14/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**NEW IMPEACHMENT RESOLUTION**

Calls for the impeachment of Governor Robert Bentley returned Tuesday. Lawmakers now tells us that the House Judiciary Committee will resume impeachment hearings next week. Earlier in the day he told us some of the recent events that made him decide to once again bring up impeachment proceedings.

1:15 VO/SOT

2/15/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**CHAMBER MEETING**

Several Alabama Legislators made a stop at this morning's Montgomery Chamber of Commerce Meeting for the Annual Legislative update. President Pro Tem of the Senate Dale March and Alabama Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon were the keynote speakers for today's meeting. Officials also discussed the plans for reforming the state's prison system.

1:10 CAM/VO/SOT

2/15/17 – 10-10:35 p.m.

**BIG STORY**

Newly appointed Attorney General Steve Marshall has announced that he will rescue himself from an investigation into Governor Bentley. This comes just days after he was sworn into office, and has appointed someone to lead that investigation now. Reporter Andrew James joins us live from the Montgomery newsroom.

1:45 VO/SOT

2/17/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**REFUGEE PLACEMENT**

A federal appeals court will hear arguments this spring in Alabama's lawsuit against the federal government over refugee placement. Arguments will take place in Montgomery the last week of April. Alabama made the appeal after a Federal Judge threw out the state's lawsuit accusing Federal officials of failing to consult regularly with that state on refugee replacement.

:45 CAM/VO

2/28/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**TUESDAY'S WITH TODD**

It's time for Tuesdays With Todd, and we're happy to welcome Montgomery Mayor Todd Strange to the show once again to answer your questions about the city. If you have questions the number to call is 800-504-4084 or 420-TALK.

7:10 INTV/SET

3/1/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**TRUMP ADDRESS**

Last night President Trump gave his first address to a joint session of Congress. In his speech, he laid out plans to repeal Obamacare, and also condemned the recent threats against Jewish Community Centers across the country. Other subjects he touched on were immigration, the construction of a great wall, and the war on terror.

1:00 CAM/GFX



3/3/17 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**SESSIONS REAX**

Reaction continues this morning to Attorney General Jeff Session's decision to recuse himself from investigating the alleged connection between the Trump campaign and Russia. Sessions admitted he talked with Moscow's U.S. Envoy during the Presidential Campaign seeming to contradict his confirmation hearings.

1:10 CAM/VO/SOT

3/3/17 -10-10:35 P.M.

**JESSE JACKSON IN TOWN**

Reverend Jackson will be heading to Selma soon, but today he sat down with a one-on-one interview with Darryl Hood. They covered a range of topics from controversy surrounding this year's Jubilee to his thoughts on the political climate in America right now saying we are a global nation fighting for isolation.

3:55 PKG

3/8/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**LENDING RALLY**

45 Lawmakers want to cap interest rate on payday and title like loans at 36% per year. They say low income families in the state are getting themselves stuck in almost endless cycles of debt because of what they call toxic lending. Alabama News Network's Ellis Eskew has the story.

1:55 PKG

3/15/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**DAYCARE**

The Alabama House and Senate will be in session this afternoon and members of the House may vote on requiring all day care programs to be regulated by the state, including church day care programs. Church day cares are currently exempt from state regulations and are not inspected because of that exemption.

:40 CAM/VO

3/15/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**CYBER SECURITY**

Emergency Management officials are now learning about a new type of threat to Alabama. Instead of just preparing for natural disasters they're also focusing on cyber security threats that EMA Director Art Faulkner say is hard to track. He says nowadays almost everything is connected to a computer, making us even more vulnerable to cyber-attacks.

2:05 PKG

3/20/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**HEARING DATE FOR ZEIGLER SUIT**

A court date has been set in the lawsuit challenging Governor Bentley's decision to wait until 2018 to hold an election for Jeff Sessions' former U.S. Senate seat. State Auditor Jim Zeigler is suing Bentley saying the Governor violated state law by postponing the election date. The hearing date has been set for April 12<sup>th</sup> in Montgomery County.

:30 VO

3/21/17 - 5:30-6 P.M.

**TALKBACK**

Steve Flowers, Alabama News Network's Political Analyst was today's Talkback guest. Calls were taken at 1-800-504-4084 and 420-TALK.

5:00 SET GFX

3/21/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**NASA SIGNING**

President Trump has signed a \$19.5 billion bill to fund NASA programs and provisions that support the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville. Alabama Congresswoman Martha Roby was on hand as the President signed the bill. Roby says Americans are proud of the key role the Marshall Space Flight Center plays in the Space Program.

:35 CAM/VO

3/22/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**TRUMP BLACK CAUCUS**

Seven members from the Congressional Black Caucus appeared stoic during a photo op at the White House. It was the group's first meeting with President Trump. Caucus members say they discussed a variety of issues like infrastructure, education and safe communities, and tried to build "good faith" with the President.

1:40 PKG

3/23/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**GOP HEALTHCARE**

Today was supposed to be the day the House voted on the GOP plan to repeal and replace Obamacare, but Republicans are still hinting for votes, so it's not going to happen. President Trump is still working to persuade conservatives and the House Speaker is trying to keep moderate Republicans from jumping ship.

2:20 PKG

3/24/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**GOP HEALTHCARE PULLED**

The Republican legislation to replace Obamacare is dead. House leaders pulled the bill before a scheduled vote today when it became clear they didn't have enough support from Republicans to get it passed. The House debated the bill for five hours before the speaker pulled the plug.

1:55 PKG

## **WNCN-TV LOCAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: HEALTH**

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1/4/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

### **MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS**

Cutting back on excessive drinking can help lower the risk of heart disease according to a new study at the University of California. They found alcohol abuse jeopardizes heart function as much as high blood pressure, diabetes, smoking and obesity. Researchers also say they are getting a better understanding of what makes the Zika virus so dangerous.

1:00 PKG

1/4/76 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

### **DR. BRIAN**

Dr. Richardson is here to answer your health care questions. The number to call is 1-800-504-4084 or 420-TALK.

6:00 LIVE/GFX

1/4/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

### **HEALTHCARE GOV. COVERAGE**

Health Care officials say that there has been an increase in the number of people trying to secure coverage under the Affordable Health Care Act, despite President Elect's Donald Trump's promise to repeal Obama Care. January 31<sup>st</sup> is the last day to enroll in or change a 2017 health plan.

:45 CAM/VO

1/10/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

### **BLUR CROSS CVS**

If you fill prescriptions at CVS Pharmacy, listen up. You may have to find a new pharmacy if you are covered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alabama. CVS is no longer in the preferred network for certain plans. CVS said in 2017 there will be one new pharmacy network for individual and small business plans. That network does not include CVS. Medicare members with drug coverage through Blue Cross are not affected.

:30 CAM/VO

1/14/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

### **ALABAMA FLU OUTBREAK**

It's almost flu season, and health experts say it usually peaks in January or February. According to the Centers for Disease Control, Alabama is among several states with the highest number of cases of the flu or flu-like illness. Dr. Jefferson Underwood who treats

people with the flu every year gave example of why he thinks Alabama has so many Flu-like cases.

2:57 PKG

1/13/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH IN PRISONS**

Alabama prisons have agreed to put new suicide prevention measures in place. This comes after an inmate killed himself days after testifying on the lack of proper psychiatric care inside the state's prisons. They have agreed to keep a licensed mental health professional on staff at every major facility, but denies inmates receive inadequate mental health care.

:30 CAM/VO

1/19/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

#### **BENTLEY ACA CHANGES**

Governor Robert Bentley has released his recommended changes to the Affordable Care Act. He laid out 3 specific recommendations in a letter addressed to U.S. House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy. To see the full letter just head to our website, [alabamanews.net](http://alabamanews.net).

:30 CAM/VO

1/22/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

#### **BENTLEY MEDICAID**

Governor Bentley says he hopes the Trump Administration and Congress will allow states to charge Medicaid premiums and set enrollment requirements. He said States need flexibility to set Medicaid enrollment requirements, reduce benefits, and impose premiums. He cautioned repealing the Affordable Care Act without a clear replacement could cause some insurers to withdraw from the market.

:36 CAM/VO

1/23/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

#### **MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGH**

In health news, there are new health concerns about children with asthma – they are 50% more likely to become obese according to researchers at USC; and the number of men taking paternity leave is increasing. For more on these stories and others, visit our website at [alabamanews.net](http://alabamanews.net).

1:00 PKG

1/24/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

#### **OPIOID COUNCIL MEETING**

Dr. Bentley's Opioid Council met this morning for the first time. He spoke at this Misuse and Addiction meeting saying doctors give more medication than they should because it's

for a good use. However those medications can be abused and patients could become addicted. He is working on several pieces of legislation that will fight drug abuse in Alabama.

1:05 CAM/VO/SOT

1/31/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

#### **ADECA AUBURN DRUG CONFERENCE**

A state agency is partnering with Auburn University to help reduce the number of drug abuse cases across the state. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and Auburn's Harrison School of Pharmacy joined forces for an educational program to help combat the problem. Around 300 law enforcement members and medical professionals were in attendance.

:35 CAM/VO

2/2/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

#### **FAITH LEADERS ACA**

More than 2 million Alabamians with pre-existing health conditions have benefited from the Affordable Care Act. It's something many don't want to see end, including faith leaders from across the state that are very passionate about this issue. Reporter Danielle Wallace joins us live in the studio.

2:05 CAM

2/3/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

#### **WEAR RED DAY**

People are wearing red today for a good reason. They're doing their part on this National Wear Red Day to raise awareness for heart disease and stroke. Heart disease is the number 1 killer in women. State Health Officer Dr. Tom Miller says that you can raise awareness for heart disease and stroke with a simple conversation with your loved ones – by simply asking what they are eating and talking about healthy choices.

2:20 PKG

2/7/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

#### **MEDICAL NEWS**

Researchers found that former smokers who completely replaced cigarettes with 2-cigarettes lowered their intake of cancer-causing chemicals. But the researchers stress users must stop smoking cigarettes completely to receive the health benefits. Researchers also said obese patients are less likely to receive high end of life care.

:40 VO

2/8/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**DR. LINDSEY CALLS**

Coming up next on CBS 8 and ABC Montgomery, Doctor Kathy Lindsey will answer your health care questions. The number to call is 1-800-504-4084 or 420-TALK

7:25 INTV/GFX

2/10/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS**

Women who had a false positive result on a mammogram are more likely to delay or skip their next screening according to a new study in a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research. Women with false positives often experience emotional and physical stress. For more on this story and others, visit [alabamanews.net](http://alabamanews.net).

1:00 PKG

2/10/16 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**FITNESS FRIDAY**

Today's Fitness Friday is a little different. The overall purpose of Fitness Friday is and has always been to promote exercise and healthy living. Today, we're acknowledging those who are an inspiration for just that . . . and you might recognize his face. This Fitness Friday is about Ryan Stinnett and his amazing weight loss journey.

4:35 INTV/SET

2/13/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**WHY IS MONTGOMERY UNHEALTHY?**

A study ranks Montgomery as one of the least healthy cities in the nation – it is ranked below Birmingham and Mobile but the question is, why? The study used data such as the number of premature deaths in the city, the availability of healthy food options, the level of fitness of the residents and available green space. Dr. Jefferson Underwood said residents don't prioritize their health.

:46 CAM/VO/SOT

2/15/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS**

Doctors are recommending some alternative treatments for lower back pain. The American College of Physicians is recommending drug free treatments such as yoga, message, and acupuncture to fight low back pain – not narcotics. Low back pain is one of the most common reasons that patients go to the doctor.

1:00 PKG

2/15/17 – 5-5:30 P.M.

**CLOSING SCHOOLS STOP FLU?**

If you haven't had the flu this year doctors say you aren't out of the woods yet. Experts say flu season goes on until March and the virus can even be active through May. Kids in school are the most likely victims of the illness so what can be done to prevent students from getting sick and missing school? Caitlyn Cline has the story.

1:05 PKG

2/17/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**AUTISM IN ALABAMA**

Ellis Eskew has our Alabama News Network Extra "Autism in Alabama". It is one of the fastest growing developmental disorders in the country, and affects one of every 68 children in the U.S. Treatment can cost \$60,000 a year but Alabama does not required insurance companies to cover costs.

4:55 PKG

2/20/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**TAX FREE DISABILITY**

Alabama is launching a savings program meant to help people with disabilities. "Enable Savings Plan Alabama" is replicated from a National Program that allows people to save tax-free expenses related to disabilities. State Treasurer Young Boozer says the savings can accumulate without people jeopardizing their eligibility for public benefits.

:35 CAM

2/21/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**PRISON MEDICAID**

Mental illness is a problem that is affecting at least half of those incarcerated and it can be costly. Cam Ward said Senate Bill 54 would allow Medicaid to help cover those treatment costs while inmates are in custody. Right now counties pay 100% of the medical treatment for inmates. County Sheriffs and Commissioners see it as a good deal for everyone involved.

1:35 PKG

2/22/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS**

Researchers say listeria may post a greater risk of early miscarriage than people realize. The common bacteria found in unpasteurized milk, soft cheeses, and deli meats may the culprit in some unexplained miscarriages. Doctors also warn eating too much seafood high in mercury may put you at greater risk for ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease.

1:00 PKG



2/24/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS**

Patients that go to the hospital with psychiatric disorders including depression and anxiety may be at a higher risk for stroke. The American Heart Association found the stroke risk is nearly 3 ½ times higher within the first 15 days after a diagnosis. A separate study found that vaping electronic cigarettes may increase the risk of stroke even more than smoking regular tobacco.

:50 PKG

3/3/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS**

Dairy products, together with vitamin D supplements can help older adults protect against bone loss according to researchers who found milk, yogurt, and cheese are linked to higher bone density in the spine. They also found it can protect against bone loss in the hips.

1:15 PKG

3/6/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

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4:15 INTV/GFX

3/6/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**BIRD FLU**

Thousands of Alabama residents will be monitoring a situation in Tennessee this morning. The poultry business is huge in Alabama - \$15 billion in revenue, and 86,000 workers according to a lobbying group for the industry. The Bird Flu in Tennessee is of note. They're killing almost 74,000 birds at a farm with a Tyson Chicken Company contract after the disease was identified in flocks there.

1:10 PKG

3/6/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**OBAMACARE REPLACEMENT**

Tonight we're learning new details about Congressional Republican's plan to repeal and replace Obamacare. They have released their bill that outlines the changes they want to make, but still have the daunting task of getting it passed. It will keep the most popular part of Obamacare but have other parts that are sure to attract controversy.

1:55 PKG

3/9/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**HEALTH CARE REPEAL**

The fight to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act has been going non-stop now for more than 24 hours. Craig Boswell is on Capitol Hill with the latest debate going on in Committee Chambers. The warning signs that the GOP replacement plan could be in trouble are coming from Republicans – not democrats.

2:00 PKG

3/10/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**OPIOD CRISIS**

Opioid abuse and addiction is being called a crisis for Alabama. According to latest figures from the DCD, Alabama saw a nearly 20% increase in the drug overdose death rate between 2013 and 2014 and state officials are trying to do something about it. The medical community, public health, and the school system all have to step up.

2:05 PKG

3/14/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**BIRD FLU PRESSER**

Concerns over the spread of the suspected Bird Flu in Alabama have state officials speaking out on the possible public health impact. Reporter Andrew James joins us live now with more.

2:00 CAM

3/14/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**HEALTHCARE**

The Congressional Budget Office reports that the Republican plan would lead to 24,000,000 people losing their health insurance in about 10 years. Republican leaders are touting the 337 billion dollars in savings.

2:00 PKG

3/15/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**KICK BUTT**

A local middle school Youth Advisory Board got their message out to tobacco companies saying they have had enough. They help teach their peers to say no to drugs, alcohol, and cigarettes. One student said cigarettes have 7,000 chemicals in it including rat poisoning, sewage, nicotine, and other chemicals that can kill quickly. They want tobacco companies to stop marketing Hello Kitty cigarettes for children to smoke. In Alabama, tobacco use claims 8,600 hundred lives and costs \$1.88 billion in health care bills each year. 14% of Alabama's high school students smoke.

2:00 PKG

3/21/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**WARM WEATHER AND ZIKA**

Warm weather means it's almost time for mosquitoes to come back, and with them the threat of the Zika virus. Florida just had another confirmed case of local transmission of the virus, bringing the total for the year up to 29. The disease can cause severe birth defects. We haven't had any cases in Alabama, but health officials want everyone to take precautions.

:10 CAM/VO/SOT

3/22/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**POLLEN THREAT**

Pollen is floating around a little earlier than usual, and the bad news is just because the season started early doesn't mean it will end earlier. Allergy sufferers may want to prepare for the long haul because the pollen condition is likely to be here for months to come, especially if the temperatures stay as high as they've been for the past few days. Jalea Brooks has ways to keep the pollen out.

1:25 PKG

3/24/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGH**

Sciatica causes pain or tingling in the lower limbs and back, and a new study says Lyrica does not relieve pain from the sciatic nerve, but does cause side effects such as dizziness. This segment also reported on moderate drinking and 12 different cardiovascular diseases; and a mobile app that may cut down doctor visits for women who've had breast reconstruction.

1:05 PKG

3/29/16 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**DR. BRIAN**

It's Wednesday, so that means we're being joined by Dr. Brian Richardson. He will take your calls, and answer medical questions. Call 1-800-504-4084 or 420-TALK.

7:00 INTV/GFX

3/29/16 – 10-10:35 A.M.

**BABY BOX**

Dr. Bentley launched a statewide program this morning aimed at saving the lives of infants, and it's designed to do it one box at a time. Alabama Department of Public Health says close to 500 babies in Alabama didn't make it to their first birthday in 2015. Alabama is partnering with the Baby Box Company in hopes of drastically changing those statistics. The box has a firm fitted mattress, fitted sheets, and firm walls.

3:35 PKG

## **WNCF-TV LOCAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: EDUCATION**

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1/4/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

### **MPS TAKE OVER**

The State Board of Education could soon take over Montgomery Public Schools. The announcement comes on the heels of Mayor Todd Strange saying last semester's test scores are even worse than the previous year's. The State Board has a meeting scheduled for next Thursday, and Alabama News Network will be there to bring the latest developments.

1:00 VO/SOT

1/4/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

### **BUTLER COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT RETIRE**

Butler County Schools Superintendent Amy Bryan has announced she plans to retire this June. She has held the position for three years, won many years for her work, and helped the school achieve state and nationwide attention through new programs. Reporter Caitlyn Cline has more.

2:30 PKG

1/5/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

### **MPS WORK DAY**

The possibility of a state takeover of the Montgomery Public School System was the topic of discussion today at a school board work session. Leaders went through what exactly a takeover would mean for the school system. Reporter Andrew James was at that meeting today.

3:00 PKG

1/5/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

### **SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

Several school systems across our area will be closed tomorrow due to the winter weather threat. In West Alabama, Perry County, Lowndes County, Dallas County, and Selma City Schools will be closed. Also schools in Elmore, Autauga, and Montgomery County will be closed as well. Stay with us on aid and on line for the latest.

:35 GFX

1/11/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

### **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING PREVIEW**

There have been several school systems across Alabama that have had to have the state takeover in recent years. Those include Jefferson County Schools, Birmingham City Schools, and most recently Selma City Schools. It essentially means the State Superintendent will be making all the decisions for the school system.

2:05 PKG

1/12/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**MONTGOMERY FAILING SCHOOLS**

10 Montgomery Public Schools have made the failing list – they are Bellingrath Middle School, Capitol Heights Middle School, Carver High School, Chisholm Elementary, Fews Secondary Academy, Jeff Davis High School, Johnson Elementary, Lanier High School, Robert E. Lee High School, and Southlawn Middle School.

:30 GFX

1/16/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**GOLDEN APPLE**

This week's winner comes from Bethany Christian Academy in Montgomery. Faith Franks teaches her students that they are super, and should have super behavior, super values, and super academics in her classroom. She also likes the I Do You Do method. Her 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders like to see what they you are doing so it helps them do it correctly. She tells her students go to their best, put their best foot forward, and never give up. They may have trials and problems but as long as they believe in themselves, and try to go forward they will be successful.

2:30 PKG

1/20/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**MPS SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

The Montgomery County School Board met today to begin crafting its response to State Superintendent Michael Sentence who sent the board a notice of intention to intervene and possible take over the system. Today's meeting was the first chance to hear from the board about the Superintendent's concern.

1:05 CAM VO/SOT

1/26/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**CAREER FAIR**

Today was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Career Fair for 8<sup>th</sup> graders at McKee Middle School. They heard from the Montgomery Fire Department, local doctors and veterinarians, and even our meteorologists Ryan Stinnett and Ben Lang. Officials say it's good for students to learn what career opportunities there are for them once they eventually graduate from high school and college.

1:25 VO/SOT

1/27/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**LAMP BLUE RIBBON**

LAMP High School was named a Blue Ribbon School last November and this morning the school's superintendent presented a special plaque and flag to honor their achievement. To be a Blue Ribbon School the school must show overall academic excellence as well as have a strong community involvement. 300 schools across the country got this award.

1:05 VO/SOT

1/31/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**WRWYC CAREER TECH**

The Butler County Career Tech Academy is offering another new and innovative way for students to learn and excel in the workforce . . . job shadowing. High school seniors get the chance to go to local businesses in the community and get a taste of the real world. Reporter Caitlyn Cline has the story.

2:15 PKG

2/3/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**PRE-K APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

Applications are now available for parents interested in signing their children up for Montgomery Public Schools' Pre-K Program. They went online this morning. More than 520 students were a part of the program, which received National attention. Half of those students were taught on MPS campuses and the rest by partner organizations around the county.

:55 CAM/VO/SOT

2/6/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**MPS LETTER**

We're learning more today about the Montgomery Public School System's response to the State Superintendent's letter of intention to intervene. Once the State Superintendent receives the letter, he can decide whether to request a state takeover from the State Board of Education.

1:25 CAM/VO/SOT

2/6/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**GOLDEN APPLE**

This week's Golden Apple Award Winner comes from the Marengo County School System in West Alabama. Tanya Williams is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at K4-12 Sweet High School who leaves a tremendous impact on the lives of her students early and then is able to see them continue to grow and develop as an individual. Her students say she is a very fun math teacher and everyone gets very excited when she is teaching; she is excited as

well, and is a good teacher and is not mean. She loves teaching and say her job is pure joy because every student can learn,  
2:00 PKG

2/8/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

#### **MPS AGREE TO TAKEOVER**

Montgomery Public School System has agreed to let the State Board of Education intervene. Officials say they will work collaboratively with the State Board of Education. They also showed how they are working to address the State Superintendent's concerns like fiscal accountability, student's achievements, and nutrition. The vote will take place on tomorrow on whether to officially take over the MPS.

:45 CAM/VO

2/8/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

#### **PIKE COUNTY CAREER TECH**

It's National Career and Technical Education Month. For kids in Pike County, opportunities are right at their fingertips, with the Troy-Pike Center for Technology. Reporter Danielle Wallace spoke with the staff at the Center on the benefits for students across the county.

1:55 PKG

2/9/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

#### **STATE SCHOOL BOARD TAKEOVER**

The State School Board of Educations will vote to adopt the resolution to authorize educational intervention into the Montgomery Public School System. The resolution to take over MPS passed unanimously Thursday. Officials expect this takeover will last from three to five years.

1:55 PKG

2/13/17 – 5:30 P.M.

#### **GOLDEN APPLE**

Saint James teacher David Rudd is this week's Golden Apple Winner. His love leaves a lasting impression on his students. He has been teaching for 24 years. His students say he is good as what he does; he teaches religion, gives them the information without trying to preach to them; he respects them and makes his class fun.

2:35 PKG

2/14/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

#### **MPACT CAREER TECH**

State Education leaders are taking a tour of career centers and schools across the state in the Annual Career and Technical Education State Tour. Today they walked through

classes of welding, electrical engineering, and wood working while visiting the Montgomery Preparatory Academy for Career Technology. Superintendent Sentence was impressed with the M-Pact students and their skills.

1:50 VO/SOT

2/21/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**SUPER CITIZEN**

The Liberty Learning foundation put together a super citizen's program, The Next Great Americans. The Montgomery C of C, Montgomery School Board members and Mayor Strange gathered this morning to participate in a ceremony to kick-off the program. The purpose of the 12 week program is to have students from different elementary schools learn more about citizenship in America.

1:00 CAM/VO/SOT

2/23/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**HIGHER EDUCATION DAY**

Thousands of college students swarmed the steps of the State House for Higher Education Day that is one of the biggest rallies every year at the Capitol. Students want lawmakers to give our 14 public universities the money they need. Gordon Stone said Alabama's public universities have a \$20 billion economic impact on the state.

1:50 PKG

2/27/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**READ ACROSS AMERICA**

Today is the first day of Read Across America Week that is celebrated all across the Country. Children celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss by reading his books in class. Our own Josh Ninke, Shane Butler, Olivia Dees, Stefanie Hicks read at different elementary schools today.

2:05 PKG

2/27/17 – 5:30 P.M.

**GOLDEN APPLE**

Our winner this week comes from the Bullock County School System. Jennifer Kendricks encourages her students to follow their dreams and become excellent achievers in life. For 22 years she instills in them to always learn, always be a learner. Her students say she goes above and beyond in the classroom and encourages them to be better students.

1:50 PKG



3/1/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**CARR MIDDLE SHELTERS**

Carr Middle School, built in 2008 is equipped with 4 safe spaces that double as classrooms. In the event of severe weather, all of the students and faculty can crowd into the rooms. The principal at Carr Middle says it's reassuring to know that the school was built with severe weather in mind.

1:00 CAM/VO/SOT

3/3/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**NETWORK NIGHT**

The Montgomery Education Foundation teamed up with Montgomery Public Schools last night at Bellingrath Middle School to host the "We Can" Network Night. Parents, students, and community leaders came together to share their expectations as well as concerns with school leaders. The ultimate goal was to discuss what students needed most to ensure a successful future.

:40 CAM/VO

3/6/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**GOLDEN APPLE**

Katy Elliott at the Highland Home School in Crenshaw County is this week's Golden Apple Winner. She has been teaching for 24 years and her students say she is really good, and tries to put things in their heads, they listen really well because she makes the lessons fun; make them understand it; dig into it; and do it themselves. Ms. Elliot said to let the student know that you care for them and are genuinely concerned about their welfare and you want them to succeed.

2:35 PKG

3/9/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**STATE SCHOOL BOARD HEARING**

The State School Board met today to further discuss their takeover of Montgomery Public Schools and make personnel changes. State Superintendent announced several people are getting promotions, and a new office has been created (the Office of School Improvement) that will be managed by Jermall Wright from Philadelphia.

1:10 CAM/VO/SOT

3/13/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**GOLDEN APPLE**

This week's winner is from Lowndes County School System and teaches at Jackson-Steele Elementary School. Steven Washington uses different teaching methods to ensure this children are learning. He uses small groups reaching them one-on-one; play games; and do anything that involves them moving around. They learn when they are entertained. He also wants them to learn from each other. His students say he is like a

dad to them; will stop whatever he's doing and go help them; he's funny and makes everyone laugh. He loves being a man in education because that is always a plus with the many hats you have to wear.

2:00 PKG

3/14/16 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**GOV. WORKFORCE**

A recent study says that within the next 5 to 10 years more than half the jobs in Alabama will require education and skills beyond a high school diploma. Today, Governor Bentley announced his new "65 by 2025" Initiative that aims to nearly double Alabama's college educated population by 2025. Reporter Jalea Brooks has more.

1:45 PKG

3/16/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**BREWTECH EMERGENCY**

Students at Brewtech Technology School in Montgomery are completing a 10 to 12 week course with the Montgomery emergency Management Agency that teaches students to properly care for others that are injured, and how to take action in the event of an emergency such as an active shooter in their school or a tornado. EMA officials are planning to expand the program in other schools in the area.

1:40 CAM/VO/SOT

3/20/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**GOLDEN APPLE**

Our winner this week is an authentic man, and an understanding teacher that meets his students where they are to show them what they can become. Stephen Landrum left being a lawyer to become a teacher. His students say some teachers don't care if they don't know – it's not their problem. Mr. Landrum makes sure every day that they are taking notes and know everything that they should. He teaches at Sidney Lanier High School here in the city.

1:50 PKG

3/27/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**GOLDEN APPLE**

This week's winner comes from Robert C. Hatch High School in the Perry County school system. In only her 5<sup>th</sup> year of teaching, El'Lagenay Sellers is making a difference in the lives of her Physical and Life Sciences students. One of her students nominated her for the award saying, she keeps the class fun, and keeps the students interactive with it, it is not an old boring class, and everything is more up to date. Another student said she learns about physical science, human body parts, and things that will help if they go into the medical field.

1:55 PKG

3/29/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**MPS TAKEOVER**

27 schools identified as low performing will fall under the State of Alabama, but specific plans for the intervention are still unknown. Montgomery County School Board held a special called meeting Wednesday to discuss pending litigation. The State Department of Education will host 3 community forums On April 17, 25, and 27 at area schools.

3:30 PKG

3/30/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**NATIONAL GUARD**

The National Guard made a stop at Montgomery's Preparatory Academy for Career Technologies to show the students another path for life outside the classroom. The Expo will show different career options in the National Guard for soon to be graduates. Officials say there are over 160 jobs available within 100 miles of Montgomery.

:50 CAM/VO

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1/9/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**GREENVILLE BUSINESS**

A local business is celebrating a huge milestone in the city of Greenville. Majors Laundry and Cleaners opened for business 70 years ago this year, and this month it received another title – Greenville's First Business of the Month in 2017. Reporter Caitlyn Cline has the story.

2:15 PKG

1/11/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**TROY MAX CREDIT UNION OPENS**

Max Credit Union has expanded into Pike County. The company celebrated its grand opening by giving \$10,000 in grants to three non-profits as part of its MAX Gives Campaign. Precious Paws Sanctuary received \$7,500; Troy Senior Foundation got \$1,500; and Humble Hearts received \$1,000.00

:40 VO/GFX

1/17/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**TRUMP HYUNDAI**

Hyundai Motor Group says it will increase its investment in the U.S. while Donald Trump is President, and is considering building a new factory. Hyundai's President says that the company and KIA Motors will spend over \$3 billion over five years. That is a 50% increase from what was invested over the last 4 years.

:35 CAM/VO

1/31/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**BENTLEY SPEAKS**

Governor Bentley spoke today at the 2017 Winter Conference of the Economics Development Association of Alabama. The purpose of the conference was to discuss job creation in Alabama. He spoke on new workforce training programs and innovations of entrepreneurs within the field of technology.

1:00 CAM/VO/SOT

2/3/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**PEACH CROPS**

Chilton County is something of a Peach Capital of Alabama, so farmers are paying very close attention to the weather. Too much cold weather can ruin a crop, but so can too little cold weather. The peaches have to have a dormant season for them to really produce the amount that you need in the summertime. Caitlyn Cline has more.

1:30 PKG

2/3/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**PARTNERSHIP**

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College partnered with a group that will get their manufacturing students ready to go straight to work in manufacturing jobs in the immediate area. Plants across the state are looking for high quality workers, and CARCAM provides across the board type training systems for advanced manufacturing students.

2:05 PKG

2/3/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**FOOD TRUCKS IN MONTGOMERY**

City officials say they are getting more interest since voting last month to create designated parking spots for food trucks downtown, and this week they officially created the spots for trucks to park. The trucks are in proximity of 25,000 State employees every day. Add in Maxwell and Gunter AFB residents and that will be upwards of 30,000 at any given time.

3:50 PKG

2/7/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**TOWNS RECRUITING BUSINESSES**

Mayor Dexter McLendon says he has several businesses lined up to come into the city. He says selling a small city to major companies can sometimes be difficult but a major selling point for Greenville is the available workforce companies would have if they move in. One company he helped bring into the city employees almost 800 people.

:55 CAM/VO/SOT

2/14/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**TROY FOOD WORLD CLOSING**

The doors of the Food World Supermarket in Troy are set to close next week. The store is owned by Homeland Grocers, and right now employs 30 to 40 people. The store has been a helping hand in the community since 2013. Everything in the store is 25% off, while tobacco and alcohol is 50% off. Prices on remaining items will continue to drop.

2:00 PKG

2/20/17 – 5:00-7:00 P.M.

**MGM FOOD CHAINS**

Carrabba's Italian Grill is another of many restaurants to close on the Eastern Boulevard. It joins Hooters, Macaroni Grill, and Wow Wings Sports Café. Olive Garden is just across the road from the failed Wow Wings and it has been in the area for years and shows no signs of closing. The company that owns Carrabba's, Outback, and Bonefish closed dozens of what they said were underperforming locations.

2:25 PKG

2/17/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**AL EXPORTS**

The Governor's office says exports from Alabama made products totaled nearly \$29.6 billion last year. The number is record high for exports in Alabama. The previous record was \$19.6 billion in 2012. The state's top export category last year was transportation equipment. Other top exports were chemicals, primary metals, paper products, and some type of machinery.

:37 CAM

2/21/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**BENTLEY GROCERY TAX TASK FORCE**

Governor Bentley said his goal for this task force is to take 45 off of food items and put the money back into the pockets of those who need it. The group will review sales taxes related to groceries in hopes of reducing Alabama's taxes on groceries. The Governor says he has no plans to replace the grocery tax.

2/23/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**MAYOR'S BRIEFING BISCUITS**

According to the team's owner, the Montgomery Biscuits is on track to be sold. Sherrie Myers has owned the team for 14 years. Lou Dibella will be the new owner. He owns one baseball team as well as Dibella Entertainment which is a boxing promotion company based in New York City. He said changes will not affect the current staff.

:45 CAM/VO/SOT

2/23/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**SALES TAX HOLIDAY**

The Annual Tax Free Weekend for severe weather materials begins at midnight tonight. We have posted a link to the Alabama Department of Revenue on our website at alabamaneews.net for a list of all the products that qualify and the cities and counties participating.

2:10 PKG

2/24/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**TAX FREE WEEKEND**

The State Sales Tax Holiday on storm supplies is now in full swing. It's a way to get people prepared in case of severe weather. For a list of exempt severe weather sales tax items you can visit our website at [alabamaneews.net](http://alabamaneews.net).

2:50 PKG

2/27/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**MONTGOMERY STORES CLOSING**

Melissa Warnke with the Alabama Retail Association says as more people turn to online and other methods of shopping, it seems department stores can't keep up. Many have announced store closures and bankruptcies nationwide. Sears closed several stores last year including the Eastdale Mall location. The space is now being taken over by an "At Home" store.

:37 CAM/VO

3/3/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**WETUMPKA TRAINING ACADEMY**

Walmart has opened a facility to train workers in Elmore Academy called Walmart Academy, one of 70 across the country. All Walmart employees are required to attend the academy in Wetumpka and about 140,000 workers will go through it each year. The facility will serve 31 stores in the area including Montgomery, Prattville, Millbrook, and Wetumpka.

:35 CAM/VO/SOT

3/10/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**HYUNDAI STRIKE**

A Federal Labor Law Judge ruled this week that three paint shop employees were on strike because of a schedule dispute and were engaged in "protected concerted activity." They left the job on December 22, 2015. The Judge says Hyundai must rehire the workers, give them back pay with interest, and post a notice stating the company won't interfere with labor activity.

:35 CAM/VO/SOT

3/13/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

Alabama's unemployment rate is up to 6.4% despite improvement in the National jobless picture. The January rate was up 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a percent from the December rate of 6.3%. It was also well above the rate one year ago at 6.1%. Nationally unemployment dropped to 4.7% in figures released last week.

:30 CAM/VO

3/20/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**LAWLINE: SHINBAUM**

Today happens to be our Law Line Day. We're joined by Richard Shinbaum from the Shinbaum Law Firm, here to answer all your questions on bankruptcy. Attorneys from the Shinbaum law firm will be here until 7:00 P.M. answering your questions. The numbers to call are 866-814-9252 or 420-3212.

5:00 SET/GFX

3/24/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**WETUMPKA HOTEL UPDATE**

Gerry Purcell of the Wetumpka Chamber of Commerce says they are actually launching businesses in Wetumpka because of their incubator and innovation center. It's not just businesses coming to Wetumpka. Two upcoming events should generate a couple hundred thousand dollars in revenue. Main Street is one of the major forces behind this boom.

3:30 PKG

3/25/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**NEW BUILDING**

A new construction project in Greenville is designed to show off some of the city's best features and in turn, bring in new business. While the building's main purpose will be for economic development, the Mayor is hoping the public will be able to rent out the new space to host weddings or other special events.

2:00 PKG

3/30/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**MACON COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Tuskegee could become the manufacturing site of a new USAF training jet, and the \$2-3 million facility would create close to 750 jobs. Leonardo DRS, a global aerospace and defense firm plans to create an advanced assembly at Tuskegee's Moton Field, if their T-100 jet trainer wins a USAF competition for a next generation training air craft. After looking at several locations, they said Tuskegee put together the best package.

1:50 PKG

5/30/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**TROY NEW STUFF**

More businesses are setting up shop in the Park Place Development area in Troy. Publix has been open for a few months; Marco's Pizza opened last week, and Petsense, a nail boutique and spa, and Gold Fingers Restaurant are moving in. Residents say Park Place will encourage more travelers to stop, shop, and bring more money into Troy.

1:50 PKG



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COMMUNITY/RECREATION/LIFESTYLES**

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1/3/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**TALKBACK**

We're joined on today's Talkback by Brian Jones with the Department of Tourism. The economic impact on the state was discussed. We'll take your calls now at 1-800-504-4084 or 420-TALK

3:30 LIVE/GFX

1/3/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**SURVEY CREW IN BULLOCK COUNTY**

National Weather Service workers spent the day in South Alabama surveying the damage left behind by Monday's severe weather. They confirmed a tornado did touch down in Southeast Bullock County. As they assessed the damage, residents affected by the storm spent much of their day cleaning up. Danielle Wallace has details from the Troy Newsroom.

2:00 PKG

1/9/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**FAITH AND JUSTICE INTERVIEW**

Reverend Shane Isner and Kacey Keeton are here to talk about the role and responsibility of the Faith Community in Criminal Justice issues.

2:30 INTERVIEW

1/10/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**NATIONAL CHAMP**

We begin with the big game that everyone's still talking about. One touchdown in the last 1 second, and Clemson defeated Alabama 35-31 for the College Football Championship in Tampa last night. This was Clemson's first championship since 1981.

We have team coverage of the big game, and Alabama's heartbreaking loss.

4:10 PKG

1/13/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**FIRST RESPONDER**

Clay Barnes with the State Bureau of Investigations was named the First Responder of the Month. He was off duty on January 1 when he helped a woman who had been in a car accident. She said he sat with her in the wreckage, talking and joking with her until the rescue squad arrived. She says there's no way to thank her guardian Angel who she nominated for this award.

2:17 PKG

1/16/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**MLK SERVICE DAY**

Many Montgomery residents will volunteer for public service work today that's become a traditional way of commemorating Reverend King in Alabama and elsewhere. Several Montgomery groups did that before the holiday on Saturday. The Cleveland Avenue YMCA organized the day of service. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year of the MLK Service Day event.

:45 CAM VO/SOT

1/16/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**BIKES FOR VETS**

Motorcycle enthusiasts in Alabama are riding to raise money for charity. When Pistoleros Andy decided he wanted to give back to the Montgomery Community he stuck with what he knew – biking and Veterans' needs. He reached out to the VA in Montgomery to organize a ride. \$1,000 was raised just under an hour plus hundreds of dollars in supplies for homeless vets.

4:00 PKG

1/16/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**MLK CHURCH SERVICE**

Today is the nation pauses to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who holds a special place in the hearts of many people in Montgomery. He pastored a church in the Capital City for several years and played a major role in the Civil Rights Movement. Reporter Jalea Brooks joins us live downtown with more details.

2:25 PKG

1/17/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**YMCA BROWN BAG**

The YMCA of greater Montgomery introduced its first ever food-mobile . . . the Brown Bag Bus. They looked at all the work they were doing around their food program and all the partners that they had but there was a barrier for many kids because transportation was an issue for them to get to the Y's location. They hope to start delivering meals on the bus next month.

2:00 PKG

1/25/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**MONTGOMERY HOMELESS PROBLEMS**

An annual street count of homeless people last year found some 800 people. Last night an organization hit the streets again for an update. From North to South Montgomery and even downtown volunteers canvassed city streets Tuesday night in search of homeless residents. The new numbers will be released in the next few weeks.

4:05 PKG

1/31/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**INTERVIEW**

Krystal Floyd with the Brantwood Children's Home came in today to tell us about their upcoming 5-K run.

3:00 SET/GFX

2/3/17 - 10-10:35 P.M.

**TROY LOVE**

Today a group of students from Goshen Elementary joined the Christian Love Center in efforts to give back to the community. The student's "Kindness Initiative" is encouraging everyone to bring non-perishable items to school to donate to the Center's food pantry. The pantry has been a resource for people throughout Pike County.

:45 CAM/VO/SOT

2/6/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**SUPER BOWL**

Super Bowl 51 was a roller coaster of a game, breaking records in Houston, and hearts in Atlanta, and leaving fans beaming in Bean-Town. The showdown was a game of firsts – Tom Brady becoming the first quarterback to win five Super Bowls; the game was the first ever to require overtime; and the Patriots secured the biggest comeback in Super Bowl history to win the game.

1:35 PKG

2/13/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**AUTISM CRAWFISH INTV**

Stefania Cumuze came by today and gave everyone a preview of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Autism Crawfish Boil.

3:00 INTV/SET

2/13/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**JUBILEE PREVIEW**

The Annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee is set to get under way in just about two weeks, and this year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event. This year's event will feature a slow ride caravan from Selma to Montgomery Monday morning, and a rally on the steps of the State Capitol at noon. Go to our website, [alabamaneews.net](http://alabamaneews.net) for more info on this event.

1:45 PKG

2/15/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**SURPLUS AUCTION**

The state's surplus auction kicked off at 8 this morning. Most of the items come from state facilities and offices across Alabama. A few things on the auction block are laptops,

file cabinets, desks, fax machines, and even generators. Officials say the money raised at the auction will go right back to the state. The auction ends at 4 this afternoon.  
:50 CAM/VO/SOT

2/16/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**MAYOR'S BRIEFING**

The city of Montgomery is planning host to several events that will bring out the foodie in you. Mayor Strange laid out plans for several events at this morning's briefing. The Capital City will host the National Culinary Competition on February 27. Four chefs will compete to qualify for the \$100,000 world food Championship in Orange Beach later this year. For the full list of events coming to the Capitol City, visit our website at [alabamaneews.net](http://alabamaneews.net).

1:15 CAM/VO/SOT

2/17/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**MOM PROM**

This was a special night for Moms in Montgomery as they stepped out for the Mom Prom with some very special dates, and it was all for a good cause. Mom's came out with their sons dressed to the nines for a date on the dance floor. This was the first year for the Mom Prom and it benefits the Footprints Ministry, an organization that helps families with babies in the neonatal intensive care unit, and it was a big success.

2:20 PKG

2/21/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**HORACE KING**

If you've ever visited the Alabama State Capital, then you've seen the elegant circular staircase as you enter the front doors. The man who designed and built those staircases were honored today. A portrait of Horace King (an African-American who was born into slavery was known for designing roads, homes, and carpentry work) was unveiled in the entrance of the rotunda by the staircase.

:45 CAM/VO/SOT

2/22/17 - 5:30-6 P.M.

**INTERVIEW**

Milt Livingston and Jenny Ives from Temple Beth Or stopped by today to tell us about their upcoming Jewish Food festival.

3:00 SET/GFX

2/22/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**MONTGOMERY B&G CLUBS**

A battle is brewing tonight over funding for Wetumpka's Boys and Girls Club. The club was founded in 2011 to give young people in the city a safe place to go after school and during the summer . . . but now the club might have to close their doors. Reporter Robert James is live in the studio with more, and how you can help.

3:55 PKG

2/23/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**FOOD BANK TRUCK DONATION**

One local business is helping to make sure that no family in the River Region goes hungry. The Food Bank received a brand new \$150,000 refrigerated truck from Publix Super Markets. It was part of the annual "Food For All" and "Food for Sharing" drive. Officials with the food bank say the new truck will help them greater serve those in need.

:40 CAM/VO/SOT

2/24/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**INTERVIEW**

Meaghan Weir and Jennifer Hutcheson with the Montgomery Zoo are going to tell us about the Montgomery Zoo's upcoming weekend. Alabama News Network is a sponsor of the event.

2:45 INTV/GFX

2/27/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**CULINARY FIGHT CLUB**

Local chefs heated things up tonight as they faced off in Culinary Fight Club, a cooking competition that is taking place throughout the country. The event also gives back to the non-profit organization "Fight-2-Fed" that partners with top restaurants with food trucks to provide food to hungry men, women, and children in our communities. 2:15

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2/27/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**MONTGOMERY HUMANE SOCIETY**

There are plenty of pets up for adoption at your local animal shelter, and Tea Turbert with the Montgomery Humane Society is with us to tell us how you can adopt a furry friend into your family.

3:30 INTV/GFX

3/1/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**CONNECTING HEARTS**

A group that supports the adoption of foster children held a “connecting hearts” event in Montgomery on Tuesday. It was a night to come out and show support for the many children in need of forever homes. Ellis Eskew has the story

2:00 PKG

3/1/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**ENTERPRISE TORNADO**

It was ten years ago today that a massive tornado ripped through the town of Enterprise in South Alabama. In its wake was death and devastation killing 8 students and almost completely destroying the school. Dozens of others were hurt, and a woman off campus was also killed.

1:38 PKG

3/3/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**INTERVIEW**

Dorothy Walker, the Director of the Freedom Riders Museum here in Montgomery is with us this morning and she is going to tell us about what the Museum has to offer for those of you who may not have been there, and also the meaning of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March.

3:30 INTVGFX

3/6/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**JUBILEE IN SELMA**

A caravan from Selma will stop at the State Capitol this morning where the original Selma to Montgomery Voting rights March ended in 1965. Over the weekend, they recreated the bridge crossing this year with some added special effects to make it seem more real. Here’s Alabama News Network’s Caitlyn Cline with more.

2:17 PKG

3/6/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**WETUMPKA B&G UPDATE**

The Boys and Girls Club of Wetumpka has secured enough funding to stay open for the remainder of the year. Rick Jackson of the Boys and Girls Club tells us the club recently received an anonymous donation of \$24,000 a year that will cover utilities and some insurance costs. Ridge Church of Wetumpka also donated \$13,500, and the Poarch Creek Indians are hoping to increase their yearly \$50,000 donation.

:45 CAM/VO/SOT

3/7/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**MONTGOMERY MARATHON**

The Montgomery Half Marathon and 5-K races are this weekend. The full marathon was cancelled because of a lack of interest. Alabama News Network Andrew James looks into what can be done to return the full race to the city.

3:20 PKG

3/9/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**SALVATION ARMY DINNER**

The Salvation Army is taking time tonight to say thank you to all of its volunteers at a special dinner being held at Frazer United Methodist Church. I am being joined by Major Walter Strong, and this is a special night for the Salvation Army. Alabama News Network is a partner with the Salvation Army on many of their projects.

:40 CAM/VO/SOT

3/10/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**VAN GIVEAWAY**

Nekeisha Thomas beat out 27 other qualifiers to win a \$75,000 party van courtesy of Strivers Ford. We took qualifiers every night throughout the month of February and each qualifier won \$50 and was entered for a chance to drive the van off the lot. In the end, Nekeisha was the lucky winner, and told us what she plans to do with her brand new van.

:35 CAM/VO/SOT

3/11/17 – 6-6:30 P.M.

**ZOO WEEKEND**

Zoo Weekend at the Montgomery Zoo is now underway and Alabama News Network is a proud sponsor. Zoo weekend encourages people to kick off the spring season by getting out and enjoying all the Zoo has to offer. There's more than the exhibits, like games, rides, live entertainment, live animal presentations, and the Montgomery Police even did a K-9 presentation. If you missed today, catch the fun tomorrow from 9 A.M.-6 P.M.

1:30 PKG

3/12/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**HIGHLANDS**

The Church of the Highlands was in the Montgomery Performing Arts Center for 6 ½ years before moving to their new location on Taylor Road. The Pastor tells me it's good to finally have a place they can call their own in Montgomery. The first Sunday in the permanent building drew 4,000 in the first three services. Check out this story on [alabamaneews.net](http://alabamaneews.net).

2:25 PKG

3/13/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**HALF MARATHON**

The Montgomery Half Marathon and 5-K race was this past weekend. Organizers say it was a big success. Now the question is are there plans to bring the full marathon back to the Capital City? Race Director Hardy Sellers said the goal is to have that happen again in the year 2020.

:40 CAM/VO

3/14/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**KIWANIS GRANT AWARDS**

Several Montgomery Charity groups have gotten a big boost thanks to the local Kiwanis Club. Club officials awarded \$245,000 in grants to 21 local charities including Common Ground, AGAPE of Central Alabama, and Child Protect. The Kiwanis has helped raise money for youth causes in the River Region since 1955, donating more than \$7,000,000 to charity.

1:05 CAM/VO/SOT

3/16/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**SLE RODEO**

It's opening day at the 60<sup>th</sup> annual SLE Rodeo and the cowboys and cowgirls are kicking things off with a bang. This afternoon they paraded through the streets of downtown Montgomery. The parade was a little shorter than in the past because the wagon train wasn't there, but it didn't discourage true rodeo lovers from lining the streets to watch them go by.

1:20 PKG

3/16/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**VOICES RALLY**

The Voices for Alabama Children made their "voices" heard at the State House today. The advocacy group spoke on important issues facing kids today including being able to fully fund healthy food and regulating childcare throughout the state. Voices officials say they want to protect the health and safety of all children during this 4<sup>th</sup> year for the rally.

:45 CAM/VO/SOT

3/21/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**ALFA FOOD DRIVE**

Today is National Ag Day, a day to appreciate your local farmers, the food they grow, and to celebrate. The Alabama Farmers Federation and ALFA Insurance partnered together to help raise food and money for the Montgomery Area Food Bank. This is their second year they have helped the drive, and almost 1,000 employees took part. This year they collected over \$4,100, and over 1,600 pounds of food.

1:00 VO/SOT



3/23/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**AIR SHOW BRIEFING**

The Air Show is making a return to Maxwell Air Force Base on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Thursday, Mayor Todd Strange announced that “All American Weekend is making its debut during the Biscuits opening, and Clint Black’s outdoor concert that weekend. Fans can get up close and personal with Air Force Pilots and Crew during “Meet The Thunderbirds”. A statue to honor American Pilots who flew during World War 1 will be dedicated this weekend as well.

2:00 PKG

3/27/17 – 5:00-7:00 A.M.

**A TASTE OF CULTURES**

“A Taste of Cultures” is a new event for Montgomery. It is so diverse and has many cultures based here. Event organizers wanted residents in the River Region to get out and experience something they weren’t used to, and there’s no better way to do that than with food . . . barbecue, sushi, mad and cheese, Indian, Mexican, Japanese and traditional American foods were on display. They even experienced entertainment from other cultures.

1:40 PKG

3/27/17 – 5:30-6 P.M.

**LIBRARY DONATION**

The Julia Hampton Morgan Library has received a big donation to help increase its use of modern technology. The Family of 90-year-old Jean Kimball Daniel donated \$100,000 to the library. She was a long time board member, and still maintains a strong interest in serving the library. The money will help the library adjust to changes such as hard back and paper books being read on computers.

:40 CAM/VO/SOT

3/28/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**MUSLIM COMMUNITY MEETING**

An interfaith conference in Selma aims to strengthen the community by giving people of different faiths an opportunity to interact and learn from one another. Event organizers say people from all faiths are invited out to take part in an open dialogue. They say an interfaith dialogue is essential to build a better community.

1:30 PKG

3/31/17 – 10-10:35 P.M.

**FOSHEE PREVIEW**

Several Montgomery area VIPs are taking their support of a local charity to new heights. Montgomery Police Chief Ernest Finley and Montgomery Fire Department Jordan will be going Over The Edge of the 40 Four Building in downtown Montgomery, it is a preview

of the Over the Edge Fundraiser benefitting Hope Inspired Ministries. 64 people will take their turn rappelling off the edge of the building.  
1:25 PKG

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“Band Together”

“Wild and Free”

The Majority Project

“Animal Farm”

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“Cargo Theft”

“If Only Cars Could Talk”

UNICEF

“End Trafficking”

***ECONOMY/JOBS:***

Alabama Housing Finance Authority

“Hardest Hit Alabama”

Goodwill Industries

“Better Answer”

U.S. Marines

“For Country”

“For Us All”

***EDUCATION:***

Ad Council

“Directions”

“Miscommunication”

ChildFund International

“Education Is Sweeter”

Extreme Reach

“Bullying”

Helping Montgomery Families Initiative

“Truancy Prevention”

***HEALTH:***

Ad Council/Children's Oral Health  
"Super Duper Party Troopers"

Ad Council  
"Did You Know? "

Ad Council  
"Ebola Aid"

Ad Council  
"Hunger Prevention"

Alabama Department of Public Health  
"Medicine In Montgomery"

Al-Anon Family Groups  
"Girlfriend"  
"Grandmother"

American Heart Association  
"Keep The Beat"

Doctors Without Borders  
"Right Now"  
"At The Crossroads"

Extreme Reach  
"No Kid Hungry"  
"The World of Autism"

Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
"When I Grow Up Ballerina"  
"When I Grow Up Doctor"

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS)  
Chip Esten – Light the Walk

March of Dimes  
Kaya's Story

National Pest Management Association (NPMA)  
“Pests Without Borders” (Zika Virus)

Obesity Action Coalition  
“Your Weight Matters”

***RECREATION/LIFESTYLES:***

Ad Council  
“Discovering Nature”  
“It's In Your Nature”

Ad Council  
“Forest Light Show”

Ad Council  
“Junior Achievement”

Alabama Broadcasting Association  
“Adoption Foster Care – Open Your Hearts”

Boy Scouts of America  
“Cub Scouts Membership”  
“Annual Recruitment”

Boys Town of America  
“Leaving Our Mark”  
“Last Word”

Special Olympics  
“Special Athlete”

The Trust for Public Land  
“The Power Of Place”

Values.Com  
“I Will Always Love You”

WNCF Promotion  
“Don’t Text”