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*The licensee of the eight-station public radio network,
the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television,
has determined that these issues were of importance to the
citizens of Mississippi during the third quarter of 2022.*

The following list contains the most significant programming addressing those issues.

MINORITY CONCERNS

Program: Weekend Edition Sunday

Air Date: 07/10/22

Length: 00:05:32

Native Americans tell Haaland their stories of being forced into boarding schools

U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland kicked off a listening tour yesterday to hear the stories of Native American students who were forced to attend boarding schools.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 07/27/22

Length: 00:05:12

Democrats' push to protect same-sex marriage is personal for Sen. Tammy Baldwin

The Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade didn't just disrupt abortion access across the country.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/19/22

Length: 00:01:43

\$8.4 billion dollar grant will help connect thousands of rural Choctaw residents to the internet

Broadband access in Mississippi will soon expand, with a new grant being awarded to the state's Choctaw nation.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 08/31/22

Length: 00:04:27

Debt relief for Black farmers shows challenges of pursuing racial equity with policy

A federal program to forgive loans for many Black farmers was ensnared in lawsuits.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/02/22

Length: 00:04:34

The story of 'the Colony': How the only Black community in this Alabama county thrived, survived

Only a couple hundred people live in Colony, Alabama, but on a hot summer day in August, around 800 people are in town for an annual reunion and homecoming.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/07/22

Length: 00:04:43

Southern Decadence returns to New Orleans, marked by parades and monkeypox awareness

Labor Day weekend in New Orleans was jam-packed with color parades, pub crawls, and parties brought on by the 50th anniversary of Southern Decadence, the city's LGBTQ festival often referred to as "Gay Mardi Gras."

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/30/22

Length: 00:01:49

Mississippi activists seek to decriminalize HIV and reduce stigma

Activists from across Mississippi are meeting for a conference in Jackson centered around reducing the stigma of HIV.

EDUCATION

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 07/14/22

Length: 00:03:12

The U.S. student population is more diverse, but schools are still highly segregated

The U.S. student body is more diverse than ever before. Nevertheless, public schools remain highly segregated along racial, ethnic and socioeconomic lines.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/03/22

Length: 00:01:33

Mississippi teachers can now spend more on schools supplies with increase in state funding

Teachers in Mississippi are purchasing supplies as they prepare their classrooms for a new school year. A 20% increase made to the state's Education Enhancement Fund could take some financial burden off of educators.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/09/22

Length: 00:01:31

Educators call for action to provide clean and reliable tap water in Jackson

Educators in Jackson are raising their concerns about the city's outdated water infrastructure and how it is affecting their classrooms.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 08/17/22

Length: 00:05:04

More kids are going back to school. So why is laptop surveillance increasing?

A new school year is coming right up. And if you are a student or you have one in your home, you may not realize how much that school-issued laptop or tablet might know about your private life.

Program: Weekend Edition Saturday

Air Date: 08/20/22

Length: 00:04:03

21 murals in Uvalde honor the 19 students and 2 teachers killed in school

Shooting

21 large scale murals are being painted across Uvalde to honor the 19 students and 2 teachers killed at Robb Elementary School.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/25/22

Length: 00:01:45

Mississippi students rebound from pandemic learning loss

Recent academic assessment scores released by the Mississippi Department of Education show the state is recovering from the education losses of the pandemic.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/02/22

Length: 00:04:41

Deion Sanders has ushered in a new era of HBCU football. Will the SWAC capitalize on it?

It's time to put on your school's colors and get the tailgate grill ready because college football returns this weekend.

ECONOMY

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 07/11/22
Length: 00:00:47

Lafayette Starbucks workers file to unionize, claiming management ignored complaints

Starbucks workers in Lafayette could become the second group to unionize one of the coffee giant's stores in Louisiana after asking in early July to hold an election.

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 07/18/22
Length: 00:04:22

How 3 Mississippi country stores are adapting to high inflation: 'It's hurt everybody'

With two floors filled with baskets of cotton, cast-iron skillet and farming plows, the Simmons-Wright Company in Kewanee, Mississippi is a country boy's dream. The boy dreaming on one July afternoon is 75-year-old Louis Hankins.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 07/22/22
Length: 00:01:33

Mississippi has one of the highest costs per capita for gun violence

Mississippi has the highest rate of gun deaths in the nation, and a new report finds this costs the state nearly \$10 billion annually.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 08/03/22
Length: 00:03:42

Binders, backpacks... and inflation are on this year's back-to-school shopping list

This year's back-to-school shopping season lands as the U.S. sees the highest inflation in four decades. How will high prices affect spending?

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 08/08/22
Length: 00:05:42

Dollar store workers are organizing for a better workplace. Just don't call it a union.

Before David Williams approaches his fellow Dollar General workers in New Orleans to talk about organizing, he knows the first thing they'll ask: Are you a union? He answers with a flat no.

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 08/30/22
Length: 00:04:04

Why Americans haven't been convinced on cryptocurrency

Despite a massive marketing campaign, Pew research found just 16% of Americans have invested in or used cryptocurrency.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/15/22

Length: 00:01:35

New initiative could help some Mississippians save money on energy

Natural gas prices have risen drastically in the past year, causing electricity costs to surge as well in Mississippi. A new initiative by the state's largest energy provider could help lower the costs being passed to consumers.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 07/07/22

Length: 00:01:26

Anti-abortion trigger law goes into effect in Mississippi, closing state's only abortion clinic

Mississippi's 2007 trigger law goes into effect today, banning nearly all abortions. The state's only abortion clinic has shut its doors, and advocates are discussing how Mississippians can seek reproductive health.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 07/12/22

Length: 00:00:43

Lawsuit aims to block Alabama from using COVID relief funds on prison projects

More than 60 men incarcerated in Alabama filed a lawsuit on Monday against the U.S. Department of the Treasury, asking a federal judge to restrict the state from spending \$400 million of its COVID-19 pandemic relief money on new prisons.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 07/14/22

Length: 00:06:40

Bonus checks! One year free! How states are trying to fix a broken child care system

Child care provider Damaris Mejia is about to get the biggest pay raise of her life, starting this summer: the District of Columbia will send her and her co-teachers each a big check, between \$10,000 and \$14,000.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 08/04/22

Length: 00:03:23

Democrats may make some progress toward lowering high drug prices

The cost of prescription drugs have been a political issue for years.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/11/22

Length: 00:01:28

Advocates for low income Mississippians call for governor to keep rental assistance program

Advocates for low-income Mississippians are demanding the Governor withdraw his deadline for a federal rental assistance program that has helped people keep their homes throughout the pandemic.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/05/22

Length: 00:01:32

Water pressure restored in Jackson, but remains unsafe to drink

Water pressure in Jackson has been restored to nearly all residents according to the Mayor's office, but they still can't drink from their taps. And federal agencies are touring the city's water treatment plant to assess needs.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/21/22

Length: 00:01:43

Voter registration events being held across Mississippi this week

Students and communities across Mississippi are being engaged through voter registration events. There's less than three weeks remaining to register before this election cycle's deadline.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/28/22

Length: 00:03:53

Jackson's water crisis put new attention on its longstanding lead contamination issue

Over the last month, Jackson's city water system collapsing has garnered international attention and the threat of potential federal legal action.

HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Program: Local New Segment

Air Date: 07/05/22

Length: 00:01:34

Mississippi's new State Health Officer shares plans for a healthier Mississippi

Mississippi's new state health officer is sharing his priorities as he takes on this role. He wants to reduce health disparities and opioid deaths, as well as extend post-partum healthcare.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 07/12/22

Length: 00:01:37

As coronavirus cases in Mississippi rise, healthcare experts urge residents to get vaccinated

Coronavirus transmission and hospitalizations are climbing in Mississippi, with health officials urging residents to use caution when in public. And experts are renewing their call for Mississippians to get vaccinated.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 07/18/22

Length: 00:03:48

Your Health: Reproductive rights groups want to make it easier to prevent pregnancy

The advocates want to make it simpler for people to access birth control options as many states move to ban or restrict access to abortion.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 07/29/22

Length: 00:06:49

Can the monkeypox outbreak be stopped? Some experts say its too late

There's increasing concern that the window of opportunity to contain the monkeypox outbreak in the U.S. has closed. Some experts say it's already too late.

Program: Weekend Edition Sunday

Air Date: 08/07/22

Length: 00:06:37

Amazon may own your doctor's office next

Amazon has a pending deal to buy a chain of health clinics - a company called One Medical.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/15/22

Length: 00:01:29

Doctors caution parents about rise in gun injuries in Mississippi, call for change

Firearms have surpassed car accidents as the leading cause of pediatric deaths. Pediatricians and surgeons in Mississippi are sharing how parents can protect their kids from firearms while calling for gun reform.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/15/22

Length: 00:01:24

Doctors join AARP in walking with community members to promote healthy lifestyles

Doctors in Mississippi are meeting up with their patients in local parks to promote walking and healthy lifestyles.

CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 07/06/22

Length: 00:03:36

Soaring rental prices are yet another obstacle for childcare facilities

Soaring rental prices are putting pressure on childcare facilities. Many private facilities are also renters, which means they are incredibly vulnerable.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 07/15/22

Length: 00:05:31

Some parents fear Uvalde schools' safety upgrades won't be ready by new school year

The school district in Uvalde, Texas, promised safety upgrades before the new school year begins, but some parents fear they won't be done in time and are considering keeping their kids at home.

Program: Weekend Edition Sunday

Air Date: 08/07/22

Length: 00:03:49

The secret behind why parents - and kids - love 'Bluey'

If you have small children at home, you might just be waiting for the new season of Bluey, the Australian cartoon about a family of talking dogs named the Heelers.

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Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/19/22

Length: 00:01:51

Jackson parents join in lawsuits over allegedly dangerous water conditions

Hundreds of lawsuits are being filed against the City of Jackson alleging unsafe water conditions. Parents say they are concerned about how contaminants in the water are affecting their children.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/28/22

Length: 00:01:41

Mississippi lawmakers are searching for ways to help mothers and babies stay healthy

Mississippi state senators are holding their first of four hearings to get input from experts on the state's needs involving pregnancy, parenthood and children.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/29/22

Length: 00:01:42

Demand for Mississippi's child protective services program is expected to grow

Mississippi's foster care system could see an influx soon as experts estimate five thousand additional births annually, a result of the state banning nearly all abortions.

ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 07/21/22

Length: 00:01:37

Dangerous heatwave sweeps across Mississippi

It's a hot summer in Mississippi, and experts are cautioning residents about the dangers of heat exposure. Meteorologists say the next several days could lead to dangerous heat stress conditions.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/01/22

Length: 00:01:42

Program aims to help Mississippians build personal storm shelters

Mississippians across 8 designated counties can now apply for a reimbursement program that will cover much of the costs of a private storm shelter.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/22/22

Length: 00:01:32

Scientists and engineers in Mississippi prepare for historic launch of Artemis I mission

The first spaceflight by NASA in a series of missions to return to the moon is seven days away from launch. Engineers who helped test these rockets in Mississippi are sharing their experience.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 08/25/22

Length: 00:07:57

Years after Hurricane Katrina, a new documentary asks: What happened to the children?

Around this time 17 years ago, Hurricane Katrina bore down on New Orleans, and permanently changed life for thousands of people across the country.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 08/30/22

Length: 00:01:32

Pearl River flooding in Jackson begins to recede

Early flood damage assessments are positive as Jackson city officials report only one home was inundated when the Pearl River crested Monday morning.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 09/30/22

Length: 00:03:29

Gulf States rank at the bottom for climate-adapted housing. Organizers want to change that.

It's been over two years since the home Cynthia Thomas shared with her mother was destroyed, and the main thing that sticks with her is how fast it all happened.