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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 fourth quarter of 2022.*

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

MINORITY CONCERNS

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 10/14/22

Length: 00:07:58

Writer Kiese Laymon receives a MacArthur Fellowship

There are honors and awards, and then there are the MacArthur Foundation Fellowships, the Genius Grants - no strings attached, big cash prize, \$800,000 to pursue research or change careers or, really, do whatever you like.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 10/24/22

Length: 00:01:26

Emmett Till statue unveiled in Greenwood

A statue now stands in the city of Greenwood honoring the memory of Emmett Till, unveiled decades after the 14-year-old was kidnapped and murdered by white men in the Mississippi Delta.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 10/31/22

Length: 00:05:01

Meet Alana Mayo, the young, Black, queer studio executive who greenlit 'Till'

Alana Mayo is 38 years old. She's Black, queer and a movie industry trailblazer who took over Orion Pictures in 2020.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/15/22

Length: 00:01:47

First Female Mississippian to die on Battlefield Honored at Mississippi Armed Forces Museum

Marine Lance Corporal Casey Casanova was just 22 in 2008 when she was killed by a road side bomb while on patrol with her unit.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 11/23/22

Length: 00:03:52

'Love and Rockets' celebrates 40 years of edgy, Latinx, alternative comics

Artists Jaime and Gilbert Hernandez have been drawing and writing their popular comic book series Love and Rockets since 1982.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 11/28/22

Length: 00:02:17

A Black Vietnam veteran is suing the VA for discrimination

A Black Vietnam veteran is suing the Department of Veterans Affairs for discrimination, according to records obtained by FOIA. The VA says it's studying how to address a history of racial bias.

EDUCATION

Program: Weekend Edition Saturday

Air Date: 10/08/22

Length: 00:04:25

Schools across the country are being targeted with hoax calls about active shooters

There's been a surge in hoax calls about active shooters at schools across the country during the last three weeks. Many of them fit a strange, new pattern.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 10/20/22

Length: 00:03:54

A lawsuit could still stop Biden's student loan relief in it's tracks

Millions of federal student loan borrowers have applied to have their debt erased under President Biden's new plan, but any one of a handful of lawsuits could stop the relief before it even starts.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 10/20/22

Length: 00:01:37

Jackson State part of national effort to preserve black history

Students and staff at Jackson State University are working to conserve African American history through a national program.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 10/21/22

Length: 00:01:31

Teacher shortage crisis in Mississippi not slowing down

Mississippi is seeing a record high teacher attrition rate. Those who have left the profession are claiming lack of resources, inadequate pay, and little to no support from administration as reasons for the ongoing problem.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 10/31/22

Length: 00:01:27

Pandemic disruptions caused learning loss in Mississippi students, but experts say state can recover

Mississippi saw record declines in educational progress according to a recent report, and education advocates say the classroom disruptions by the pandemic will require creative solutions.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/14/22

Length: 00:01:29

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Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/15/22

Length: 00:01:23

Over 15 million dollars awarded to school districts to develop pre-k programs

The State Board of Education has awarded over 15 million dollars to school districts in Mississippi to develop Pre-Kindergarten classrooms.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 11/25/22

Length: 00:01:13

How increased federal funding impacts tribal colleges and universities

A new report shows how increased federal funding during the pandemic impacted tribal colleges and universities.

ECONOMY

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 10/03/22
Length: 00:04:00

A 23-year megadrought is endangering the agricultural economy in the Southwest

Drought is pushing Arizona farmers to the brink as they've been cut off from the shrinking Colorado River. The crisis is also renewing questions about the viability of growing crops in a desert.

Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 10/06/22
Length: 00:03:54

Why that foul baseball you caught might cost you more money in taxes

It costs about 25 bucks to buy an official Major League baseball - that is, until a superstar hitter like New York Yankee Aaron Judge socks it into the stands.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 10/14/22
Length: 00:01:20

Medical marijuana industry faces banking disparities between state and federal regulations

The Mississippi Medical Marijuana Act states that banks shall not be held liable for providing financial services to a medical cannabis establishment. But until the federal law changes, dispensaries may be working with cash-only transactions.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 10/26/22
Length: 00:01:31

Childcare and higher education access are major hurdles for working Mississippians

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Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 11/03/22
Length: 00:01:44

Mississippi allocates nearly \$250 million for largest economic development project

Mississippi lawmakers have passed bills paving way for the largest economic development project in state history.

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 11/15/22
Length: 00:02:36

U.S. fines airlines \$7.5 million and they must refund customers for canceled flights

The Department of Transportation is cracking down on airlines that refuse to give customers refunds for canceled flights.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/01/22

Length: 00:03:55

Alabama coal miners begin their 20th month on strike

Hundreds of coal miners in Brookwood, Ala., reached a milestone Thursday: They've spent 20 months on strike.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 12/06/22

Length: 00:01:43

Corrections leaders say jobs can reduce Mississippi's recidivism rates

Mississippi has one of the highest incarceration rates in the nation, and many inmates return to prison within three years of release.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLITICS

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 10/14/22

Length: 00:01:40

State officials continue to stress the issue of healthcare accessibility in rural Mississippi

Rural hospitals in Mississippi, especially those in the Delta, are struggling.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 10/19/22

Length: 00:01:46

Democratic lawmakers in Mississippi investigating problems with welfare in Mississippi

Democratic lawmakers in Mississippi are asking how millions of the state's welfare funds were allowed to be misspent and why it is so difficult for the intended beneficiaries to qualify.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 10/24/22

Length: 00:01:27

Mississippi lawmakers hearing evidence to ban Kratom in the 2023 legislative session

Some Mississippi lawmakers are looking to pass legislation to totally ban Kratom in the 2023 legislative session. Kratom is an herbal drug used to treat pain, depression, and anxiety.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 10/25/22

Length: 00:04:26

Expanding Medicaid is popular. That's why it's a key issue in some statewide midterms

Expanding health coverage for hundreds of thousands of uninsured Americans is a driving issue in some statewide campaigns this election.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 11/15/22

Length: 00:04:40

What would a Trump 2024 candidacy mean for the Republican party?

Former President Donald Trump is promising a quote, "special announcement" tonight. It's widely expected to be that he is running in 2024.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/22/22

Length: 00:01:44

Activist groups call for national leaders to help solve Jackson water crisis

Activists are calling on federal and state leaders to intervene in the ongoing Jackson water crisis. A coalition of organizations in Mississippi stood on the steps of the state capital Monday calling on leaders for help.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/01/22

Length: 00:01:35

Jackson's water system is getting new management

A third-party contractor will soon take over operations of the water system in Jackson under orders by a federal court. Advocates for low-income residents say this plan needs protections for Jacksonians with fixed wages.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/21/22

Length: 00:01:42

Appeal filed against ethics commission vote on legislative transparency

A civil rights organization is calling for Mississippi's legislature to be more transparent when conducting business behind closed doors. A lawsuit has been filed in response to a recent vote by the state Ethics Commission.

HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 10/12/22

Length: 00:06:15

How the White House plans to handle a winter COVID surge

Winter is coming. And if the last two years are any indication, winter will bring along an uninvited guest - COVID.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 10/20/22

Length: 00:01:33

\$7.5 million awarded to UMMC to research violence in Jackson

A team of doctors from the University of Mississippi Medical Center has been awarded millions of dollars to research the causes and ways to reduce violence.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/07/22

Length: 00:01:34

Alzheimer's research links mind health to cardiovascular health.

In The MIND Center at the University Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson there are resources for the fifty-seven-thousand Mississippians who are living with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/22/22

Length: 00:01:46

Rural Mississippi hospitals are in economic crisis

Rural hospitals across Mississippi are facing an economic crisis according to healthcare leaders. Lawmakers are asking how the state can help.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 11/28/22

Length: 00:04:24

Your Health: Doctors normally prescribe medicine and now some are prescribing meals

A study finds medically tailored healthy meal delivery reduces the risk of patients ending up back in the hospital. These meal programs are benefiting people with diet-related conditions.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/01/22

Length: 00:01:34

World AIDS Day starts HIV Awareness Month

Today is World AIDS day and December is HIV Awareness Month. In 2020, the most recent year that data is available, 240 HIV-positive Mississippians died.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/02/22

Length: 00:01:58

Postpartum Medicaid extension would cost Mississippi \$7,000,000

Senate lawmakers are asking doctors, Medicaid experts, and advocates what the state needs to improve postpartum Medicaid coverage.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/13/22

Length: 00:01:39

Doctors say rural Mississippi hospitals are in financial crisis

Physicians across Mississippi say rural hospitals are facing a financial crisis. The state medical association shares why this is happening and what needs to be done.

CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 10/10/22
Length: 00:07:17

A new book for pre-teens explores Bigfoot through a scientific lens

I know the journalist Laura Krantz to be a science-trusting, facts-first person. So I was fascinated when in 2018 she put out a podcast called "Wild Thing" where she journeyed into the world of Bigfoot.

Program: Morning Edition
Air Date: 10/11/22
Length: 00:04:31

Is 'rainbow fentanyl' a threat to your kids this Halloween? Experts say no

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has been raising a terrifying alarm in recent weeks.

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Program: All Things Considered
Air Date: 10/24/22
Length: 00:07:49

Musician Rhiannon Giddens on her new children's book about taking back her home

When The Electric Company debuted in October 1971, television hadn't seen anything quite like it.

Program: Local News Segment
Air Date: 10/25/22
Length: 00:03:40

Pacific Northwest schools cancel outdoor activities when air quality is unhealthy

With wildfires still a threat, schools in the Pacific Northwest have recently seen big disruptions. Students and teachers are learning how to live with these ongoing hazards.

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Program: Locals News Segment

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Young children in Mississippi have less access to developmental healthcare

Pediatricians and early childhood researchers say Mississippi needs to invest more in early childhood healthcare to ensure babies can have better chances at having long and healthy lives.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/20/22

Length: 00:01:38

Seven Mississippi foster children find permanent homes this holiday season

Seven children are now spending their first holiday season with their forever families. Their adoptions are part of a larger effort to get foster children into permanent homes.

ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 10/19/22

Length: 00:01:31

Drought on the Mississippi River causing shipping woes during worst possible time.

The Mississippi is running dry and leaving barges stuck in ports from Minnesota to Mississippi. The river stage is at an abnormally low water level in every port, stalling the shipping of this summer's harvests.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 10/27/22

Length: 00:04:22

Playing video games could boost brain function in children, suggests new study

For a time in the '90s and early 2000s, some people considered video games an intellectual and moral threat to kids. That perception has changed over time, due in part to research that suggests otherwise.

Program: Local News Segment

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Mississippi's Medical Marijuana Industry waiting for first testing lab to open

The Mississippi Cannabis Industry is still under construction.

Program: All Things Considered

Air Date: 11/15/22

Length: 00:04:09

The world population reaches 8 billion, posing challenges for climate change

The world population reached 8 billion on Tuesday, according to the UN. It credits advances in public health and nutrition.

Program: Morning Edition

Air Date: 11/21/22

Length: 00:07:13

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of 'Free To Be... You and Me'

Fifty years ago this year, the album Free to Be... You and Me was released.

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/15/22

Length: 00:03:24

Traveling exhibit goes 'deeper' into Emmett Till's story, civil rights history of host cities

The story of Emmett Till's brutal murder and the activism of his mother, Mamie Till Mobley, afterward are being told again thanks to a recent TV miniseries and a new Hollywood film

Program: Local News Segment

Air Date: 12/20/22

Length: 00:01:34

Cold front could damage Jackson's water system

Freezing temperatures are expected to hit Mississippi later this week, and officials say this could be a problem for Jackson's long-troubled water system.