

LOCAL ISSUES DATABASE **WGBC-TV**

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Southeast High School provides a new one-of-a-kind course to its students	Morning Report	10-3-22	EDUCAT ION	1:15	<p>Southeast High School is now offering a new 12-week Sex Trafficking Course for its students. Southeast High School is 1 of 5 schools in the Nation to provide the course. Providing ongoing awareness and prevention education on the issue of Human Trafficking enables students to recognize the warning signs and report possible victimization.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Lucas said that Human Trafficking is very prevalent in our state and in the past year they have opened up 260 cases of human trafficking.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation in conjunction with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department will be conducting the course over the next 12 weeks.</p>
Gulf Coast Brotherhood Stops in Meridian	Morning Report	10-5-22	COMMU ITY	1:15	<p>The Gulf Coast Brotherhood of cyclists kicked off their five-day bicycle ride across three states to honor fallen heroes at each destination. Meridian was among one of the stops to honor fallen hero Eric Charles Gustafson from the Meridian Fire Department. We hear from one of the cyclists about how they maintain the drive to bike across three states and what it means to do them to do so.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Eric Charles Gustafson was the Meridian honoree who passed away back in 2016 while answering an emergency call. His mother was present for the Commemoration and expressed how it felt to have her son being remembered by so many.</p> <p>SOT</p>

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Dyslexia Awareness Fall Festival	Morning Report	10-12-22	HEALTH	1:15	<p>October isn't only known as spooky season. It's also known as Dyslexia Awareness Month. one local center decided to combine the two and host a fall festival. The highlight being the dyslexia isn't so scary scarecrow contest.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Experts say that Dyslexia is the most common learning disability, which is why Leta says she wanted to host this event to bring awareness.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Some volunteers talked with us about what made them want to help with the event.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Palmiter says that the illumination center for dyslexia has helped over 600 children and plans to continue to help as many as possible.</p>
Local Fire Station spreads fire safety education to schools during Fire Prevention Week.	Morning Report	10-13-22	EDUCATION	1:15	<p>It's the 100th Anniversary of National Fire Prevention Week and the Meridian Fire Department has teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association to help spread awareness. The department has visited local schools to help educate students with this year's theme being Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Escape.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The Fire Chief also stated they like to let students see a Firefighter fully dressed to prevent them from running away afraid in case of an emergency.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>By visiting the schools and talking with the students The Fire Chief said it not only benefits the students but the parents as well.</p>

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Meridian High's Mentoring Monday	Morning Report	10-17-22	EDUCATION	1:15	<p>Today is unlike any other day at Meridian High School. Today the School held its Mentoring program for its students. For the girls, The Girls With Pearls and the boys' Men Mentoring Men.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Stone said growing up he had an older male in his life to mentor him growing up and saw that there was a need for a mentoring program for the boys.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The Girls with Pearls also held their 2nd Annual meeting which has now expanded to include all girls from grades 9th-12th.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Both programs plan to continue impacting the lives of the youth.</p>
Meridian Community College: My College Cares Day	Morning Report	10-18-22	COMMUNITY	1:15	<p>It's that time of year again for Meridian Community Colleges' My College Cares Day. More than 500 Students, faculty, and Staff members went out and about in the Community to provide Community Services throughout the city. Brandon Dewease, the Associate Dean of Student Engagement tells us more.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>From picking up trash to doing some repainting and helping out retirement home residents My College Cares Day volunteers share how it feels to be able to give back to the community.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The My College Cares has become an anticipated tradition for both the Community College and the Community.</p>

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CHIN Promotes Breast Cancer Awareness through Lunch & Learn	Morning Report	10-19-22	HEALTH	1:15	<p>Today The Community Health Improvement Network provided community members a chance to learn and get a better understanding of treatment options and preventative measures regarding breast cancer.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Monthly self-breast exams and knowing and understanding the importance of having annual mammograms were among some of the topics discussed by dr.Coleman says at least 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Any woman could be affected by breast cancer even if cancer does not run in her family. Residents and some breast cancer survivors say they wanted to come out today to gain as much knowledge as possible.</p> <p>Being a Cancer survivor Annie Stewart knows how scary it can be to be diagnosed." When you get diagnosed with cancer, you know, it's a scary thing, you know. But we have to have faith and be strong and be prayed up, you know, and take care of ourselves.</p> <p>Having annual mammograms and self-examinations is your best defense against breast cancer says Coleman who stated that finding breast cancer in the earliest stage can help save your life.</p>

Uptown Meridian Mall Job Fair	Morning Report	10-20-22	ECONO NY	1:15	<p>The job market is hyperactive right now; many Businesses are searching for Employees. Today, at Uptown Meridian, a job fair was held to hopefully connect future employers with employees.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>\$17 an hour starting is how much Koch Foods are willing to pay its employees for their open positions. Many Businesses attended the Job Fair in hopes of filling job openings.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The Marketing Director for Uptown Meridian Mall says that last year's turnout for the Job Fair was such a success it inspired them to organize another.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Other Businesses that are looking to hire employees at the job fair were Cspire, City of Meridian, and Children of Mississippi.</p>
Meridian Native and Former NBA Player honored in The Queen City	Morning Report	10-21-22	COMMU NITY	1:15	<p>Today Meridian residents gathered at Highland Park to honor Meridian Native and former NBA player Derrick McKey. Today is a dedication ceremony for McKey as the basketball courts were renamed in his honor. McKey is the first player from Meridian to ever play in the NBA.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>McKey is very known and active in the community many former classmates, teachers and local residents came out to show support.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>McKey says although his name is on the sign today was not about him but his community.</p> <p>SOT</p>

A New Innovative Shoe Manufacturing Company calls Meridian Home	Morning Report	10-26-22	ECONOMY	1:15	<p>An Innovative Eco-Friendly sustainable shoe manufacturing company is underway here in The Queen City. The company will not only bring jobs to the community but will also change the Shoe Industry one sole at a time.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Hunt says that currently most of the world's footwear supply comes from manufacturing companies in China and by wanting a more sustainable product that shared the same values, shloop was born.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The price range of Shloop Footwear will vary depending on style, material, and collection.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Currently, Shloop is looking for employees with sewing and stitching skills as well as those with logistics experience.</p>
What to know about the Triple Threat: Covid, Flu, and RSV	Morning Report	11-2-22	HEALTH	1:15	<p>Local Clinics are seeing a rise in Flu, Covid, and RSV cases which Health Officials call a Triple Threat. Health Officials say the spike in cases seems to be affecting children heavily. One local pediatrician shares how parents can keep their children safe.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Debra Massey a local school nurse says that she has had a lot of students come through her office what she would normally see in a week she now sees in a day.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Although school attendance has been impacted by students being out sick Nurse Massey says that if a child is sick a parent should keep them home.</p> <p>SOT</p>

Mitchell Distribution Donates \$17,000 to Organization	Morning Report	11-3-22	EDUCATION	1:15	<p>A check for over \$17,000 was presented at yesterday evening's celebration by Mitchell Distribution to Folds of Honor as part of their Annual Contribution.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Budweiser has a longstanding partnership with Folds of Honor and over the years has donated around \$ 18 million, which made around 3,600 Scholarships available for Military Dependents.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Rocky Sickmann has been involved with Folds of Honor since 2007 and shares the main thing he wants people to know about the organization.</p> <p>SOT</p>
Meridian has a New Wellness Center with a Holistic Approach	Morning Report	11-3-22	HEALTH	1:15	<p>Holistic Health Therapy Empowerment Wellness Center held its ribbon cutting today in The Queen City. The new Wellness Center is the only one of its kind in Meridian making it a one-stop-shop for wellness. The owner, Kelly Smith tells us what Meridian Residents can expect.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The Center does not have traditional office hours but rather a very flexible schedule to meet everyone's needs and has someone available in the office every day.</p>
19th Annual Soule' Live Steam Festival	Morning Report	11-4-22	COMMUNITY	1:15	<p>It's a new month and another festival in Downtown Meridian. Today kicks off the 19th Annual Soule' Live Steam Festival. The two-day event takes a look back at how the American Industrial Revolution changed our lives and economy forever.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Those are just some of the things you can expect with a visit to the Soule' Live Steam Festival, the President of the Museum Association says they want to inform the younger generation of how machinery was 200 years ago.</p> <p>SOT</p>

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<p>A New Mental health service that caters to children calls Meridian home</p>	Morning Report	11-8-22	HEALTH	1:15	<p>Parents no longer need to drive an hour and a half to get their children the help they need. Today Growing Tree held its ribbon-cutting ceremony. We hear more from the owner on what type of services they will be providing The City of Meridian.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The Director shared they hope to make the services free to families in need.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The Clinical Director says that her specialty is feeding therapy and helping those who don't have verbal speech to communicate in other ways like pictures or devices.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The Growing Tree hopes to continue to expand and help as many families as possible.</p>
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Local Students Gets A Taste of Independence	Morning Report	11-16-22	EDUCATION	1:15	<p>Today around 500 Students from the Lauderdale County School district got a taste of Independence at the 2022 Reality Fair.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Each student is given a spreadsheet with their occupation and annual salary and goes through each category for real-world scenarios. Many students were enjoying how life may be and learned how budgeting works and said today was an eye-opener to reality.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Blackwell says the Reality Fair is put on every year and says she wants the kids to have fun today but also learn something.</p> <p>SOT</p>
Design Plans for Meridian's Future Skate Park is Finally Revealed	Morning Report	11-17-22	COMMUNITY	1:15	<p>Local residents gathered at Ben Arthur Davis Park which is now the future home of the Skate Park. Many local skaters came out to the Presentation Kick-off despite the cold weather. Last night they revealed the final designs and discussed what the next steps are to completing the Skate Park.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>The CEO of Grindline and the designer of the Skate Park said that it is well designed and he took what everyone wanted it to be like and that it's going to be the best Skate Park in Mississippi.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Now knowing how the future Skate Park will look and learning that it will be about 10,000 square feet Skaters shared their excitement.</p> <p>SOT</p>

Local Congregation Gives out Thanksgiving Dinners	Morning Report	11-21-22	COMMUNITY	1:15	<p>Today a local Pastor along with his Church Member made sure everyone had a chance to enjoy a nice hot Thanksgiving Dinner. Today New Life Independent Missionary Baptist Church held its Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway where local residents came out to get free Thanksgiving Dinners.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Church members helped prepare the meal as well as helped the pastor giveaway plates.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>This Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway is put on every year and the pastor shares why it's something his Congregation continues to do.</p> <p>SOT</p>
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A Merrehope Christmas Special	Morning Report	11-22-22	COMMUNITY	1:15	<p>Every year around the Christmas season many people have their special Christmas Mississippi songs & movies they watch that fill them with that Christmas spirit. This year the mississippi broadcaster of Mississippi is remaking the Christmas classic 1985 Christmas at Merrehope featuring the original Classical Guitarist Giovanni De Chiaro.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>De Chiaro said being back in The Queen City to recreate this Christmas special 38 years later is a wonderful feeling.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>In hopes of spreading Christmas, cheer De Chiaro will be playing all-time Christmas favorites and says that he hopes the Christmas special helps to create special memories.</p> <p>SOT</p>
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HAS INFLATION PUSHED PEOPLE TO SHOP ON CYBER MONDAY? OR WOULD YOU RATHER IN PERSON SHOPPING?	Morning Report	11-28-22	ECONOMY	1:15	<p>With inflation on the rise comes the question of how it's affecting holiday shopping. We speak with the Family Flea Market at 1107 B Street and Meridian to see their thoughts on Cyber Monday online sales versus in-person sales and what they deem most important for their time and effort.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>A common thought process in dealing with flea markets is that it's donated goods, but that's not always the case. Vendors here go out and buy these items and they have gas and other expenses tied up in bringing those products to the customers. One shopper here likes the advantages of in-person shopping.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>If you'd like to give us your thoughts on supporting local businesses comment on the post, and if you'd like more information on the family flea market you can visit their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/FamilyFleaMarket</p>
BILLY LYONS OF SPACEY'S ROCK N ROLL TATTOO HOSTS A POKER RUN TO HELP A FAMILY, AND HONOR A FRIEND.	Morning Report	11-29-22	COMMUNITY	1:15	<p>Mississippi is one of the most charitable states around. This comes as no surprise to see others come together in a time of need. We speak with Billy Lyons of Spacey's Rock N Roll Tattoo in Meridian to talk about an event he has coming up this weekend and how you can be a part of it.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Billy Lyons says normally poker runs only include motorcycles, but he wants to give everyone an opportunity to come out and help this family. That's why they are allowing all vehicles to take part in the event.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>If you would like to be a part of the Love Ride Poker Run and help honor the life of a special member of this community. You can go to https://www.facebook.com/spACEyRnR, or contact Billy directly at 601-462-4199</p> <p>DANNY TODD, TWIN STATES NEWS, MERIDIAN.</p>

THE TEMPLE THEATER HOSTS A LIVE RECORDING AND INVITES YOU TO COME OUT.	Morning Report	12-2-22	COMMUNITY	1:15	<p>The Temple Theater in Meridian, Mississippi, is set to host a live recorded album right here in the Queen City. They're then going to take that and use it as a unique fundraiser for the theater. Twin State's News speaks with the event directors and some of the talent associated with the show to get their thoughts on what's coming up.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>A lot of preparation has gone into this show, and Emily White couldn't be prouder to be a part of an event that will directly affect the restoration of this historical monument.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Ken Rainey has hosted many big-name singers at the Temple Theater. George Strait, George Jones, Travis Tritt, Willie Nelson, and Hank Williams, Jr. Just to name a very few. He has a passion for making sure that the theater thrives. For more information on how to get tickets for Sunday's event at the Temple Theater, you can go to ITickets.com or come by the theater. If you'd like to see what other events are coming up at the Temple Theater you can go to their facebook page https://www.facebook.com/thetempletheater</p>
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WITH MERIDIAN SHOOTINGS ON THE RISE, WE SPEAK WITH MAYOR JIMMIE SMITH.	Morning Report	12-5-22	CRIME	1:15	<p>With shootings becoming a constant here in the Queen City, we speak with the mayor and see his thoughts on what's going on and how they're combating it. He's also hopeful to look toward to the positive things happening here in Meridian.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Mayor Smith says when people withhold valuable information it does a disservice to the efforts of the police department. He says he knows everyone is tired of hearing it, but they are about a third of the way staffed within the police department, and although they are low in numbers they are doing all they can to create the best environment for the city of Meridian.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Mayor Smith says the numbers speak for themselves. Crime is happening, but there is also still a lot of good going on within the city of Meridian. Mayor Smith says he thinks the</p>
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WHAT IS YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL COMMITTEE'S TOP FOUR? SHOULD ALABAMA HAVE MADE IT IN?	Morning Report	12-5-22	SPORTS	1:15	<p>WITH THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL COMMITTEE RELEASING THEIR TOP FOUR AS TO WHO WILL BE PLAYING FOR THE NATIONAL TITLE BRINGS THE QUESTION TO SOME.WAS IT THE RIGHT DECISION? WE SPEAK WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS ABOUT THEIR THOUGHTS ON IF ALABAMA SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN A HIGHER SPOT.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>OF THE PEOPLE WE INTERVIEWED EVERYONE HAD DIFFERENT REASONS FOR SUPPORTING THEIR THOUGHT PROCESS ATTACHED TO THEIR DECISION, BUT THEY ALL HAVE THE SAME TEAM FAVORED TO WIN IT ALL.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>MARGIE BLACKWELL SAYS SHE IS AWARE ALABAMA IS A TWO LOSS TEAM, BUT SHE ALSO STRESSED BOTH LOSSES WERE TO TOP RANKED TEAMS, AT TOUGH AWAY STADIUMS, AND AT THE LAST MINUTE OF THE GAME.... LITERALLY.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU GET IN ON THIS DEBATE. GO TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, AND TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION.</p>
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The Wesley House Christmas for Kids Program needs your help	Morning Report	12-6-22	COMMUNITY	1:15	<p>Every holiday season the Wesley House Community Center hosts its Christmas for Kids Program. Every year they reach out to the community in hopes they will sponsor a kid in the Foster Care System to have a special Christmas morning. This year they are doing the same and need the community's help.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Right now the Wesley House has about 40 kids remaining that are in need of sponsorship.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Being in a position to help make sure children in the system have Christmas this year Stephens shares how that feels.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>If you are interested in sponsoring a kid contact the Wesley House Community Center at (601)485-4736 ext 20. They also ask that all gifts be returned by December 12th.</p>
WITH THE ECONOMY IN TURMOIL, A DOCTOR AND HER STAFF ARE REACHING OUT TO THE PUBLIC TO HELP THE NEEDY	Morning Report	12-7-22	HEALTH	1:15	<p>Dr. Nelson's employees tell us that she is one of the most charitable persons they know. They say she goes out of her way to make sure that everyone she comes in contact with is taken care of. This may bring no surprise because she's going to use the Christmas parade and Meridian as a chance to accept canned foods and socks and things like that for the elderly this time of year.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Dr. Virginia Nelson runs the Nelson Center for Women.. She says the need is always there, and may be even greater this year. Dr Nelson is excited that she, and her team can do their part in blessing others this Christmas.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Dr. Nelson's staff knows firsthand what a generous woman she is. After donations dropped during the pandemic, they are happy to do their part now, and have a leader who's role in the community is a positive one.</p>

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<p>DOC TOYOTA'S GRAND OPENING TOOK PLACE TODAY, AND DR. PASHA IS EXCITED TO SERVICE THIS AREA.</p>	Morning Report	12-9-22	ECONOMY	1:15	<p>With most of the country in economic turmoil, a local doctor is doing his part to invest in the community of Philadelphia. Not only will he be bringing jobs to the area, but he will impact local lives in a positive way.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Dr. Pasha tells Twin States News that by doing this he feels they can easily service Meridian, Jackson, and other surrounding communities. He also stated that he has been met with a very positive experience while dealing with the government of Philadelphia.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Dr. Pasha tells Twin States news that not only is it the place to get a great vehicle, but they also have Toyota-trained service techs and a fully operational service center. He is excited to be able to earn your business and looks forward to this exciting new adventure.</p>
<p>MUTEH (MISSISSIPPIANS UNITED TO END HOMELESSNESS) COULD USE THE HELP OF THE COMMUNITY ALL YEAR ROUND.</p>	Morning Report	12-12-22	COMMUNITY	1:15	<p>During the holidays, more people are inclined to be mission-minded or help others in need. But today, Twin States News speaks with an organization that says they've made it their mission to put others first all year round.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>MUTEH's housing manager Jowanda McCoy says they look forward to gaining new partnerships in the community. That way everyone can unite for the purpose of housing those in need. She encourages everyone to get involved and even introduced us to one of the recipients of MUTEH's Outreach Program.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Twin State News that without MUTEH she would still be sleeping in her car or possibly</p>

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TWIN STATES NEWS SPEAKS WITH S.T.O.R.M PRESIDENT BRIAN KELLY. HE TELLS US WHAT IT IS,AND HOW TO HELP	Morning Report	12-13-22	COMMUNITY	1:15	<p>A 20-year police veteran says that his jolting experience with a drunk driver made his passion for S.T.O.R.M stronger. He talked to us today about what it is and how you can get involved.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>President Kelly tells Twin States News that it's important to them to reward these officers who are going above and beyond to ensure that drivers on Mississippi roadways are safe. S.T.O.R.M concentrates on the importance of training, mentorship, and shining a positive light on these officers.</p> <p>President Brian Kelly says it's important to note that this organization is for every member of law enforcement. You don't have to be a DUI cop or an alcohol-related title to become a member. Kelly points out that a person impaired behind the wheel of a car is one of the most dangerous weapons there is.</p> <p>Kelly is grateful for supporters of S.T.O.R.M... saying they directly impact the quality of training offered to every department in Mississippi. He added the organization depends on businesses to donate items to be used as awards at banquets for the officers. If you would like to sponsor, donate money, or donate award prizes to S.T.O.R.M you can contact Brian Kelly by email at bkelly@msstorm.net</p>
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WHAT'S YOUR THOUGHTS ON CHRISTMAS LOANS?	Morning Report	12-16-22	FINANCIAL	1:15	<p>Usually, the average home is tight on money around the holiday season. And that brings the question; Is loans a good alternative for Christmas shopping? Twin States News speaks with financial professionals as they give us insight into the pros and cons of Christmas loans.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>CRYSTAL CLARK OF THE FIRST MISSISSIPPI FEDERAL CREDIT UNION TELLS TWIN STATES NEWS THAT HER INSTITUTION DOES NOT WANT TO ADD TO PEOPLE'S DEBT. SHE STRESSED THAT THE CREDIT UNION WORKS TO HELP BORROWERS MAKE A FINANCIALLY SOUND DECISION.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>TWIN STATES NEWS WOULD LIKE TO GET YOUR THOUGHTS ON CHRISTMAS LOANS. YOU CAN VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND GET IN ON THE DISCUSSION. DANNY TODD, TWIN STATES NEWS, MERIDIAN.</p>
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Two Locals Help Keep your Furry Friends Warm	Morning Report	12-21-22	COMMUNITY	1:15	<p>With a freeze warning on the way and the temperatures continuing to drop animal owners should also be making arrangements to ensure their pets stay safe and warm. A few caring local residents are ensuring your pets stay warm by giving out free bags of hay.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>With temperatures expected to get down below freezing and hay being sold for about 10\$ a barrel, Segovia stated they wanted to spread a little Christmas cheer.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Upon their arrival people were already waiting at the location to receive free hay to help keep their animals warm, Segovia stated they went through 22 bags of hay within 10 mins. Hay helps keep animals warm by reflecting their body heat back to them and repels moisture which makes an inexpensive way to keep your furry friends warm.</p> <p>SOT</p>
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Did Inflation cause this Christmas to be more expensive?	Morning Report	12-26-22	ECONOMY	1:15	<p>Everyone has been impacted by inflation and the rising prices of food, gas, and other things. We spoke with a few parents about how inflation may have made Christmas more expensive this year.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Many parents that we spoke with today said inflation caused the price of Christmas resident to be a little more pricey, one local residents shares how she managed.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Inflation isn't the only thing that impacted Christmas this year, the queen city suffered below-freezing temperatures. With the cold still lurking around many parents says they enjoy having a place indoors to bring their kids and still have some fun.</p> <p>SOT</p>
Vitalant Holds Its annual Mash Bash Blood Drive	Morning Report	12-27-22	HEALTH	1:15	<p>Vitalant held its Annual Mash Bash Blood Drive in the hopes to help with the local blood shortage. According to the American Red Cross blood, banks across the nation have reported blood shortages.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>With some people hesitant to donate because of covid and other illnesses Merchant says they have put sanitation practices in place and they are currently a CDC-certified activity.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>Some Donors said they have been donating every year at the Mash Bash and many say they give because they know they are making a difference.</p> <p>SOT</p> <p>As an incentive to donating, Donors will be given free food and t-shirts as a token of appreciation. Merchant says their goal is to accomplish 120 donations today.</p>