

Q3 2013 ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LIST  
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**CONSOLIDATION:** Voters approved the consolidation of Macon and Bibb County governments beginning in 2014. Elections to select nine commissioners and a mayor have been heated at times over the past three months, and the public has been kept up to date on the issues of consolidation through the efforts of this station.

**CRIME:** Overall, crime is a national problem, and middle Georgia has its share of both violent and non-violent crimes. Almost daily, there are reports of armed robberies, assault and battery, drug arrests and lesser crimes. During the first quarter of 2013, these stories were reported by this station to make the public more aware of where crimes are most likely to occur, and often, how the public can assist in catching criminals.

**HEALTH CARE:** Many middle Georgians are uninformed about many health problems. Coliseum Health Systems, Dr. Johnny Gayton, local optometrist, Melody Faircloth of the health supplement store Willow Tree and others appear on Mix in the Morning regularly with health tips in many fields.

**ECONOMY AND JOBS:** The unemployment rate in middle Georgia does fluctuate, depending on the season, but during most times of the year, it is as high or higher than the state average. Regular reports on the unemployment issue and public service announcements help to keep the public informed of the trends.

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE:** Robins Air Force Base is the largest single employer in middle Georgia, and is a vital player in the economy of the area. Constant confirmation of the community's support of the base help to keep the base open and flourishing. With periodical BRAC assessments, it's important that those in higher places know that the community appreciates the value of the base and supports its efforts. Periodical releases from the office of information, 21st Century Partnerships and other base-related organizations and our own news department help this station keep the public updated

**EDUCATION:** This is not only a class-room issue, but one that encompasses education on issues that concern the community, information on programs that assist residents and progress made in consolidating educational institutions to reduce costs while adding availability.

**ANIMAL CONTROL:** Efforts continue to convince pet owners to have dogs and cats spayed or neutered to control the growing population. While this is next to impossible where animals are abandoned and left to roam freely, spaying and neutering will continue to downsize and control the pet population. Programs of free spaying and neutering is offered by several local businesses.

Issue	Title	Description
<b>CONSOLIDATION:</b>		
		<p>July 1, 2013, Mix in the Morning news anchor reports that Al Tillman, former president of the Macon-Bibb County branch of the NAACP will run for a seat on the newly consolidated Macon-Bibb County government. Daniel reports that Tillman will be seeking the District 9 seat where Macon City Council president James Timley has already announced plans to run.</p> <p>Recap: story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of two and a half minutes.</p>
		<p>July 11, 2013 Mallory Jones, candidate for District 4 in the upcoming Macon-Bibb County consolidated election, appeared live on Mix in the Morning to begin his campaign and address some of the key issues facing residents as they prepare for a new concept in local government with the consolidation in 2014 of Macon and Bibb County. Jones is a longtime community leader who is not a current member of either Macon city council of the Bibb County commission. Jones told listeners/ viewers on the simulcast radio/television show that he feels he has something to offer, primarily his decades of business leadership.</p> <p>Recap: Jones was on the show live for a total of 30 minutes.</p>
		<p>July 15, 2013. State Representative Robert Dickey appeared on Mix in the Morning as a supporter of the new Macon-Bibb County government. Rep. Dickey told the audience how he feels the new form of government will unite the county in many ways, including attracting new industry and commercial businesses to the area, creating new jobs. Rep. Dickey expressed the several ways he feels the local legislative delegation, individually and collectively, can offer advice on many of the issues that will arise once the new form of government is in place.</p> <p>Recap: Rep. Dickey was on the simulcast radio/television show for a total of 15 minutes</p>
		<p>July 18, 2013. Mix in the Morning news anchor Gail Daniels reports this morning that the Macon-Bibb County consolidation task force has chosen a new logo. The logo contains a city skyline and two sweeping lines, one red, one blue. According to city Public Affairs Director Chris Floore, a member of the task force communications team, it's possible the new design may be used as the emblem for the new consolidated government, but that will be decided in 2014. The logo was designed locally by Third Wave Digital.</p> <p>Recap. The story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of two and a half minutes.</p>
		<p>July 22, 2013. Mix in the Morning anchor Gail Daniels reports this morning that the wait is over. Those candidates who have already expressed intentions to seek office in the new Macon-Bibb County government can now make it official. Qualifying for Mayor and nine district seats will be decided when voters select the first consolidated government. Qualifying already has been done once, but the reopening of qualifying became necessary when the U.S&gt; Justice Department failed to give Bibb County preclearance</p>

under the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Candidates who previously qualified in April must update their paperwork by filling out a new Notice of Candidacy. Those who previously qualified will not need to pay additional qualifying fees, which is \$3,000 for the mayor's race and \$450 for commission seats.

Recap. The story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of five minutes.

August 9, 2013. On her Mix in the Morning news program this morning, news anchor Gail Daniels reports that Macon city councilman Henry Gibson has filed a complaint with the Bibb County Board of Elections claiming that Bibb County commission candidate Al Tillman is not a legal resident of the district he is running in. Tillman has qualified to run in district 9 against present Macon councilman James Timley. Gibson said he based his complaint on where Tillman claims a homestead exception, which Gibson said is not the 5341 Bloomfield Road, Apartment K address Tillman used on his qualifying form. Gibson said Tillman's house is in district 8, not 9. Bibb County Elections supervisor Jeanetta Watson said she has received Gibson's complaint and forwarded the paperwork to Bibb County Attorney Virgil Adams.

Recap: the story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of six minutes.

August 12, 2013. As Macon and Bibb County move toward consolidation next year, the Bibb County Sheriff's office is already working on equalizing pay between the sheriff's deputies and Macon police officers. Gail Daniels reports this morning on Mix in the Morning that Sheriff David Davis and his finance staff have compared information about Macon police officers salaries, rank and years of service to the sheriff's pay scale. Daniels says in her story that the report shows 210 Macon officers are due raises if deputies and officers are to be paid equally. The average pay gap is about \$5,000 per person. Davis said it will take \$1.4 million to equalize the two departments' salaries. That figure does not account for benefits or civilian staff. Davis also addressed workforce reduction, saying the decision about and reduction will be made in the first quarter of 2104 in preparation for the new fiscal year's budget hearings.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of seven minutes.

August 16, 2013. On her newscasts this morning, news anchor Gail Daniels followed up on a complaint filed by Macon city councilman Henry Gibson that challenged the residency of district nine candidate Al Tillman. Daniels said a hearing will be held next Tuesday, August 20th to determine if Tillman will be allowed to run in district nine. Gibson said he legally lives in district 8. Tillman has disputed the challenge, confirming that he lives in an apartment at 5341 Bloomfield Road, but owns a house on Robin Hood Drive, about a tenth of a mile away in district 8. Both Gibson and Tillman will be allowed to present their evidence to the elections board at Tuesday's hearing. Once a decision is rendered, either party could file an appeal. Gibson is not running for a commission seat, but supports James Timley, the current Macon city council president and Gibson's fellow councilman.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of six minutes

August 16, 2013. Daniels also reminded Bibb County residents that the last day to register for the nonpartisan election for mayor and commissions of the new Macon-Bibb

County consolidated government is Monday, August 19th. The election is scheduled for September 17th with early voting August 16th through September 13th. Residents can register from 8:30 to 5:30pm Monday through Friday at the elections office at 2445 Pio Nono Avenue.

Recap. Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of two and a half minutes.

August 21, 2013. In a follow-up to the story regarding a challenge to the residency of a Bibb County commission district 9 candidate, news anchor Gail Daniels reports that the Bibb County Board of Elections voted unanimously yesterday to allow Al Tillman to remain a candidate for the Macon-Bibb County Commission in district 9. Macon city councilman Henry Gibson, who is not a candidate for a commission seat, but filed the complaint on behalf of fellow councilman and commission candidate James Timley, said he will likely appeal the board's decision. In making the decision, the board discounted Gibson's main argument, that Tillman filed for homestead exemption at a residence not in district 9. The board pointed out that the law makes it clear that a homestead exemption alone could not determine Tillman's place of residence, which Tillman lists as 5341 Bloomfield Road.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am, a total of six minutes.

August 30, 2013. Early voting has uncovered some glitches in voting districts. Elections supervisor Jeanetta Watson said yesterday that nearly 800 residents have been listed in the incorrect voting district with both the Bibb County Board of Elections and the state websites for the new Macon-Bibb county government. The problem was brought to light by Macon city council member Nancy White, who discovered that 788 voters were listed in District 2 when they should have been in District 3. News anchor Gail Daniels reports today also that Macon city councilman Henry Gibson has filed an injunction in Bibb County Superior Court to prevent Al Tillman from running against fellow councilman James Timley in District 9. The injunction is the latest attempt by Gibson to have Tillman ruled ineligible to run in District 9 after the Bibb County Board of Elections voted unanimously last week in Tillman's favor.

Recap: Stories ran at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of six minutes.

September 6, 2013. Gail Daniels, news anchor for Mix in the Morning, reports this morning that if you want to vote early in the Macon-Bibb County elections but have been unable to get away during the week, here's your chance to cast that early vote. Saturday voting will be available for eligible Macon and Bibb County residents who may want a say in who will represent them as Mayor and commissioners. Voters must provide valid ID before casting a ballot, same as in regular voting. Early voting will continue from 8:30 to 5:30pm Monday through Friday at the Board of Elections office on Pio Nono Avenue. The last day to vote early is September 13th. The special nonpartisan election will be held September 17th.

Recap: Story ran at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of four minutes.

September 11, 2013. Henry Gibson's efforts to keep Al Tillman off the ballot for the district 9 seat on the consolidated Macon-Bibb County commission has met another

denial. Gail Daniels reports this morning that a judge has ruled that Tillman is qualified to run as a candidate for District 9. Senior Superior Court Judge Stephen E. Boswell signed the order drafted by a Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections attorney. Tuesday's decision upholds the board of Elections August vote. Gibson, a Macon city councilman not seeking office in the consolidated government, filed a complaint challenging Tillman's residency on behalf of fellow councilman James Timley, who would have run unopposed if Tillman's residency had been denied.  
 Recap: Story ran at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of five minutes.

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**CRIME**

July 9, 2013. Gail Daniels reports on her Mix in the Morning newscasts today that crime apparently knows no boundaries. Daniels reports today that a fight between two Warner Robins brothers last Saturday night, September 6th, turned deadly. Daniels, quoting from a Warner Robins Police department report, said police responded to a 1:40am call to a Mobley Court residence and found an unconscious male. The investigation revealed that brothers Joshua and Jason Vonsteenburgh, both of Warner Robins, had a verbal altercation that turned physical. Officer determined that Jason Vonsteenburgh, age 34, struck his 22-year old brother, causing the younger brother to fall and strike his head on the concrete. Joshua Vonsteenburgh was first treated at the Houston Medical Center, then transferred to the Medical Center of Central Georgia, where he was pronounced dead on July 7th. Jason Vonsteenburgh had been arrested at the scene on July 6th and charged with aggravated battery-family violence. Those charges are likely to be upgraded after the younger Vonsteenburgh's death.

Recap; Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of six minutes.

July 19, 2013. Macon and Bibb County law enforcement officers must be alert to many different crimes. Gail Daniels reports today on Mix in the Morning that a Macon man has been accused of trafficking young girls at Macon motels for sex and using them to produce child pornography. According to an indictment filed last week in U.S. District Court in Macon, 26-year old Arthur Gerald Reid is charged with three counts of production of child pornography and four counts of sex trafficking of children. The sex trafficking allegedly began September 1, 2011 and the child pornography production happened February 25, 2013.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7y:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am total of four minutes

July 22, 2013. There's tragedy in a Macon family this morning. Gail Daniels reports on Mix in the Morning that the father of a 2-month old baby has been charged with murder after the infant died early Sunday morning. Officers were called to the 4300 block of Elkan Avenue around 1:24 yesterday morning, Daniels says, and when they arrived medical personnel were already there treating 2-month old Jayceon Davis. The infant was transported to the Medical Center of Central Georgia for more extensive treatment. Tests revealed that the infant sustained severe brain trauma and died at the hospital.

Darryln Deshawn Jones, the child's father, is charged with felony murder and aggravated assault-family violence.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am, total of four minutes

August 21, 2013. Warner Robins authorities have released the identities of two suspects in Monday's double homicide in Houston County. 21-year old Coleman Crouch of Warner Robins and 19-year old Thomas Kelly of Byron have been charged with two counts of murder. Crouch is also charged with one count of hindering apprehension of a criminal. Both young men are being held without bond in the Houston County jail. According to Mix in the Morning news anchor Gail Daniels, deputies were called to the 100 block of Chadwick Road early Monday morning, where they found evidence that shots had been fired inside the home. Later in the day, around 12:30 pm, two bodies were discovered in a wooded area near U.S. 41, Ga. 49 and North Houston Lake Road. Autopsies were performed Tuesday and the results are pending. The bodies have not been identified, and Houston County coroner Daniel Galphin asks that anyone with information about the case call 478-542-2085.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am total of five minutes

August 23, 2013. A fourth person has been arrested in connection with Monday's double homicide in Warner Robins. Any Patricia Walker of Jonesboro was arrested Thursday. She is reported to be about 19 years old. Walker is charged with tampering with evidence and concealing the death of a person. Earlier, 19-year old Thomas Kelly of Byron, 21-year old Coleman Crouch of Warner Robins and 20-year old Justice Evans of Macon had been arrested. All three men have been charged with murder. Crouch and Evans have also been charged with tampering with evidence and concealing the death of a person or persons. The four suspects are currently being held at the Houston County jail. The bodies of 30-year old Shaland McConnell and 32-year old Ruben Miranda, both listed as being from Jonesboro, were discovered in a wooded area near U.S. 41 and North Houston Lake Road on Monday afternoon. Since the case is still under investigation, details have not been released about the crime.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am total of six minutes

August 30, 2013. Macon police officer Chris Paul appeared on the Mix in the Morning program for his monthly updates on Crimestoppers, a combined effort among law enforcement agencies in middle Georgia whose purpose is to provide information on criminal activities, including data on suspects such as last known address, pictures and so forth. Middle Georgia Crimestoppers offers cash rewards for anonymous tips that lead to the arrest of fugitives. Sgt. Paul was on the air for a half hour, 7:30am to 8:00 am, with a total of twenty four minutes devoted to Crimestoppers.

Recap: A total of twenty four minutes devoted to efforts of Crimestoppers.

September 3, 2013. On her Mix in the Morning news program, anchor Gail Daniels updated a recent story concerning a double homicide in Houston County. Daniels says authorities investigating the case say the double homicide in the West Quail Run subdivision was drug related. Daniels said a fifth person has also been arrested in the case. 18-year old Kristen Ann Beuthin of Loganville was charged with attempting to

conceal the deaths, and tampering with evidence. Two men were killed, their bodies dumped in a nearby wooded area, then a cleanup of the crime scene involving three murder suspects and two females attempted to destroy evidence of the crime, according to investigators.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of five minutes.

September 13, 2013. Mix in the Morning news anchor Gail Daniels reports this morning that Bibb County Juvenile Court is to receive a \$400,000 grant from the state to reform the juvenile system and create better rehabilitation programs for young offenders. Bibb County Chairman Sam Hart says the court is planning to use the grant to start up therapeutic programs for at-risk youth. The pilot program targets 14 to 16 year olds with a goal of preventing future growth in the juvenile detention center. The program is set to start in mid October of this year and run through June 30, 2014.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30. Total time three minutes.

September 16, 2013. One of two Twiggs County men involved in the largest food stamp fraud case in Georgia history will be sentenced this week, Gail Daniels reports today on Mix in the Morning. A 6-month investigation by multiple agencies found that 77-year old Eugene Shinholster and 59-year old Alfred Boyd raked in a combined \$6 million in fraudulent business. Both have pleaded guilty to federal charges. Shinholster is scheduled to be sentenced this week on charges of food stamp program fraud and money laundering. He could face up to 20 years in prison for each charge, as well as fines and possibly restitution. Boyd has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit food stamp fraud, and faces a sentence of up to five years and a fine of \$250,000

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of five minutes.

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#### **HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE**

July 10, 2013. Local physician Dr. Alan Justice appeared for his bi-weekly visit on Mix in the Morning, 'Ask Dr. Justice'. Dr. Justice takes health questions from listeners and viewers to the show. The questions and Dr. Justice's answers are aired live on both radio and television on the simulcast morning show.

Recap: Dr. Justice was on the air with hosts Rick Knight and Gary Thigpen from 8:00 to 8:30 am for a total on-air time of twenty four minutes.

July 11, 2013. Gail Daniels reports on Mix in the Morning today that Peach County's new \$27 million Medical Center will be opening next week. The hospital is located on Highway 247 Connector near Byron and I-75. With the transition from old to new, the emergency room at Peach Regional Medical Center will close for six hours on Tuesday while patients are transferred to the new building. The old E.R. is scheduled to close at 6:00 am Tuesday and at noon, the E.R. at the new Medical Center of Peach County will open. Anyone who feels needs to emergency care between those hours can call 911 or go to the nearest hospital.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of three minutes.

July 16, 2013. Dr. Johnny Gayton, noted eye care physician specializing in laser cataract surgery, appeared with hosts Rick Knight and Gary Thigpen, taking questions about cataract surgery, and answering those questions plus offering other advice on the detection and treatment of cataracts and other vision problems. Dr. Gayton was on the Mix in the Morning show from 6:30 to 8:15 am, for a total of seventy minutes.

July 18, 2013. Health care benefit proposals for employees of the new Macon-Bibb County consolidated government will be ready for review by the end of July, Gail Daniels told her Mix in the Morning radio and television audience this morning. Current city and county governments will vote on the proposals on September 3. Jimmy Hibson of BB&T Insurance Services, a consultant hired by the consolidation task force, told the task force Wednesday that employee enrollment in the new benefits system should start in November. Currently, both the city and county use self-insurance systems with a hired third party administrator. Hibson said it would probably be cheaper for the new government to stick with a self-insurance system but he isn't rejecting any proposals out of hand.

Recap; Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of five minutes.

July 24, 2013. Dr. Alan Justice made his second appearance of the month, and again took medical questions from his radio and television audience and provided answers as well as handing out other medical advice such as preventive measures including regular medical checkups including cancer screening. Dr. Justice was on the Mix in the Morning live radio/television show with his 'Ask Dr. Justice' segment from 8:00 to 8:30 am, a total of twenty four on-air minutes.

August 6, 2013. Gail Daniels reports on Mix in the Morning today that the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department has donated \$5,100 to the American Cancer Society. The money was raised during the annual pink pancake breakfast at this year's Cherry Blossom Festival. The department made the presentation to the organization on Monday. The money will go to research and help fund several of the society's programs, including the annual Bibb County Relay for Life.

Recap: The story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of two and a half minutes.

August 6, 2013. Cataract surgeon Dr. Johnny Gayton made his monthly appearance on Mix in the Morning with hosts Rick Knight and Gary Thigpen to further his updates on proper eyecare. Dr. Gayton is a noted cataract surgeon whose up to date laser technology is among the most modern in the area. Dr. Gayton takes questions from listeners/viewers, and provides answers on the air for the benefit on not only the caller, but to everyone in the vast radio, television audience.

Recap. Dr. Gayton was on the program from 6:30 to 8:00 am for a total of seventy on-air minutes.

August 7, 2013. Noted Macon physician Dr. Alan Justice was on Mix in the Morning for his bi-weekly 'Ask Dr. Justice' segment, taking questions from listeners/viewers and providing on-air answers. Dr. Justice was on the air for a total of twenty four minutes.

August 16, 2013. Melody Faircloth of the Willow Tree health food and supplement store made her monthly appearance with Rick Knight and Gary Thigpen on Mix in the Morning with her monthly update of health foods and natural diets and diet supplements. Melody appeared with the hosts from 8:00 to 9:00 am and was on the air for a total of forty eight minutes.

August 29, 2013. Gail Daniels reports on Mix in the Morning today that Macon City Council is expected to vote next Tuesday on selecting insurance coverage for employees of the new Macon-Bibb County consolidated government. Bibb County commissioners are expected to vote the same day. A vote is needed soon to make sure all employees are covered when the new government begins on January 1, 2014. Consultants project at least \$1.2 million in annual savings compared with the amount the city and county pay out now under separate plans.

Recap. Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of four minutes.

September 4, 2013. On her Mix in the Morning news this morning, Gail Daniels reports that Macon city council voted 14-1 yesterday to approve the recommendation of a joint city-county selection committee for health and life insurance for Macon-Bibb County employees. Councilman Virgil Watkins cast the only 'no' vote, saying he thought the proposals should go through the full city committee process. The council vote to suspend its rules Tuesday and approve the choice in one meeting. Bibb County commissioners voted earlier in the day to approve the same recommendations. Although, consultants project at least \$1.2 million in annual savings compared to the amounts the city and county pay out for insurance now.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of five minutes.

September 4, 2013. Dr. Alan Justice was on his "Ask Dr. Justice" segment of Mix in the Morning from 8:00 to 8:30am, taking health questions from listeners/viewers and providing on-the-air answers. Dr. Justice was on the air for twenty four minutes.

September 9, 2013. A representative from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety appeared with hosts Rick Knight and Gary Thigpen today on Mix in the Morning from 7:30 to 8:00am. The purpose of the appearance was to alert citizens about two upcoming events in which the Office of Highway Safety will have safety representatives on hand to educate parents on the proper use of child restraint seats, inspect those seats, and in the case of faulty ones, provide a safe replacement. The use of proper and safe child restraint seats is not only the law, it helps to insure the safety of children as they travel as passengers, even if they are never involved in an accident with another vehicle. In fact, most injuries to children is not from an accident, but from parents uneducated on the proper methods of safety.

Recap. The representative was on the air from 7:30 to 8:00 am, total of twenty four minutes.

September 10, 2013. Eyecare specialist Dr. Johnny Gayton made his monthly appearance on Mix in the Morning discussing eye care in general, and cataract surgery in particular. Dr. Gayton, as always, takes calls from listeners/viewers who have concerns about eye care including cataracts. The calls are aired live, and so are Dr. Gayton's answers, providing not only a service to the concerned callers, but to those in the audience who have the same concerns. Dr. Gayton was on the air from 7:30 to 8:30 am for a total on-air time of twenty four minutes.

September 26, 2013. Gail Daniels had an update on the insurance programs to be offered to employees of the consolidated Macon-Bibb County government. Daniels says when Macon and Bibb County consolidate next year, city employees will pay about 30 percent of the premiums while the government will pick up the rest. Currently, city employees pay for 25 percent of their premiums, while the county contributes a set amount instead of a funding ratio. The new insurance plans have three tiers. The base cost for individual coverage under the cheapest plan is \$77 per pay period, but discounts are available. Full family coverage would cost \$242, but the discounts could bring that down to \$197. Information meetings are scheduled for all city and county employees on October 15th and 16th in the Monument Room at Macon Coliseum.

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## **THE ECONOMY AND JOBS**

July 11, 2013. On her Mix in the Morning news segments this morning, Gail Daniels says that according to a study released Wednesday by the University System of Georgia, state colleges and universities are pumping about \$14.1 billion into the state's economy. The study reviewed the system's 35 institutions for fiscal 2012, including five colleges and universities in middle Georgia. Regionally, the five midstate institutions contributed about \$728 million into the local economy, which was about the same compared to a year earlier. Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville posted the largest increase among midstate colleges, contributing more than \$203 million, a \$20 million jump over the previous year. Fort Valley State University's economic impact also increased. Macon State and Middle Georgia Colleges, which merged in January as Middle Georgia State College, contributed nearly \$226 million.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of five minutes.

August 23, 2013; According to Gail Daniels on Mix in the Morning today, unemployment in Macon and Warner Robins dropped in July. Daniels quotes information from the Georgia Department of Labor that states the unemployment rate in metro Macon dropped to 9.5 percent, down three tenths of a point from June, and down six tenths of a point from July, 2012. In metro Warner Robins, the unemployment rate dropped to 8.1 percent in July, down from 8.3 percent in June. Overall in middle Georgia, the department's report said the rate dropped to 9.5 percent, down slightly from the 9.8 in June.

Recap. Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of four minutes.

September 5, 2013. After a five year wait, the Kumho Tire company is coming to Bibb County. Gail Daniels said Macon Economic Development Commission senior vice president Pat Topping told a local newspaper that the venture officially will be announced today. The facility will employ about 300 people but hiring won't begin for at least two more years, Topping said. Construction is expected to take about 18 months. The South Korean company first announced plans to built in Bibb County in 2008, but when the economy faltered, those plans were temporarily placed on hold. The new plant will be built in the Sofkee Industrial Park off Hawkinsville Road in south Bibb County and will make tires for passenger cars for manufacturers. Today's official announcement will be made at Central Georgia Technical College's Macon campus.

Recap: story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of five minutes.

September 12, 2013. Gail Daniels reports on Mix in the Morning that the Georgia Department of Labor is expecting between 50,000 and 80,000 veterans to return home to Georgia over the next four years, and the department will team up with the Technology Association of Georgia and the Tennessee Department of Labor to help connect these veterans with available jobs in their home communities. Paychecks for Patriots will be held Thursday, October 17th at five locations across Georgia, including Savannah, Augusta, Columbus, Warner Robins and metro Atlanta as part of labor commissioner Mark Butler's initiative to address the employment needs of service men and women. The two states are collaborating with a number of private employers and associations in an effort to provide employment opportunities for veterans, guardsmen, reservists and their spouses. In addition to the career Expo, the department of labor special workforce assistance team will offer workshops for veterans prior to the October 17th event.

Recap: story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of six minutes.

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**RAFB**

July 2, 2013. The Independence Day celebration in Warner Robins is still a go despite a rainy forecast. Gail Daniels reports today on Mix in the Morning that the celebration is scheduled for Wednesday evening at McConnell-Talbert Stadium. Gate open at 6pm and the concert is scheduled to begin at 8pm. Performances by the band Stillwater, Bobbie Eakes and the New Generation and the rock ensemble from the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve are contingent upon the weather. Road closures have been announced in areas around the stadium as middle Georgia pays honor to our country, and salutes the many employees at Robins Air Force Base who help to make the annual celebration possible.

Recap. The story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of five minutes.

July 8, 2013. Bob Dubiel and Margaret Cox of the Museum of Aviation at Robins Air Force Base were guests on Mix in the Morning with hosts Rick Knight and Gary Thigpen to discuss the annual fundraiser 'Auction, Raffle and Taste of Cuisine' held annually to raise money to support the museum's many educational projects that benefit not only RAFB personnel and their families, but all of middle Georgia. The event includes an auction, a silent auction, drawing for winners in the annual raffle for a new car or cash, and a 'taste of cuisine' provided by area restaurants who provide samples of their culinary expertise.

Bob and Melissa appeared with Rick and Gary from 7:30 to 7:45 am and were on the air for a total of twelve minutes.

August 8, 2013. Chris Allen of Kids Yule Love appeared on Mix in the Morning to talk about that organization's special project for RAFB employees, military personnel and their families who might have been hit hard by deployment and other events that could present unfortunate shortcomings near the Christmas holidays. Kids Yule Love accepts applications for assistance in providing toys for children at Christmas time, with those applications being taken in the several months prior to the holidays. Chris was filling in for Joe Allen, founder of Kids Yule Love. Chris appeared with Rick and Gary from 8:00 to 8:30 and was on the air a total of twenty four minutes.

August 9, 2013. Chrissy Minor of 21st Century Partnership was a guest on Mix in the Morning with hosts Rick Knight and Gary Thigpen to talk about the mission of 21st Century Partnership in telling the RAFB story and keeping the public abreast of events to promote the base and its impact on the middle Georgia community. With BRAC always a possibility, Minor and others at 21st Century Partnership feel it imperative that everyone tell the positive side of RAFB, and challenge the distractions that could have an impact on any future BRAC decisions.

Recap. Chrissy was on the show with Rick and Gary from 7:30 to 8:00 am and was on the air for a total of twenty-four minutes.

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<b>EDUCATION</b>		

July 11, 2013. Gail Daniels reported on today's Mix in the Morning that the The Georgia Department of Education has released results of the Spring 2013 administration of End-of-Course Tests. Bibb County results reflect significant improvements in student performances in subject areas of biology and Math II compared to 2012 data. Students also demonstrated improvement in Economics and U.S. History in relation to 2012 tests. Biology scores increased throughout Bibb County by 11.6 percentage points, with Northeast High School showing the most improvement with a 26.02 improvement over 2012. However, even with the increases, Bibb County still falls well short of the state average, while Houston County scores were above the state average on the most common tests.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of five minutes.

July 15, 2013. The Crawford County school board has approved cutting the school year from 175 to 160 days. The first day of school will now be Tuesday September 3. Superintendent John Douglas said the reduction in school days is in response to state funding cuts of over \$1 million. Crawford County teachers will return on August 27th and the open house will be August 29 from 4-7pm, Gail Daniels reports today on Mix in the Morning. Details about adding time to the school day and designating other specific days to drop from the school calendar have not been worked out yet. Superintendent Doiuglas said the school days will probably start earlier and go later and students will get out of school for the summer vacation a little earlier in May than in past years.

Recap: Story aired at 7:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8;) and 8:30am for a total of five minutes

July 15, 2013. Gail Daniels also reports today, July 15th, that Houston County's high school summer graduation will be 6:00 pm July 23rd in the Warner Robins High School auditorium. The school is located at 401 S. Davis Drive. According to Daniels, who read from a school system news release, about 20 seniors will graduate and a reception will be held immediately after the ceremony in th4 auditorium lobby. Daniels also reported this morning that Warner Robins High School parking permits will go on sale at the school's media center on July 22nd. They will be sold July 22nd to seniors only, July 23rd to seniors and juniors and July 24 to any eligible student.

Recap: Stories aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of five minutes.

July 17, 2013. Ten Houston County schools will be offering free meals to all students this coming school year. Georgia is one of 11 states implementing the pilot Community Eligibility Option for Meal Reimbursement program. Gail Daniels reports on Mix in the Morning that the program is for schools where at least 40 percent of students are eligible for free meals based on federal criteria. Students are deem eligible if they live in a household that participates in federal food assistance, or if the students are foster, runaway, homeless or migrant children. If enough children qualify, all children in that school will receive free breakfast, lunch and snacks. Schools will be evaluated each year to make sure they still qualify. Twiggs and Bibb County schools are reviewing requirements, Jones and Monroe do not qualify and Peach Count is not participating.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of six minutes.

July 26, 2013. Gail Daniels reports on her news program during Mix in the Morning that Houston County has a new Teacher of the Year. Daniels says that Amanda Miliner, a 2002 graduate of Warner Robins High School, will be teaching fourth grade gifted students at Miller Elementary this year. She told attendees at an event at the Miller-Murphey-Howard building at the Georgia Agricenter in Perry that she plans on making education a lifelong career, either in the classroom or as an administrator. Miliner is now in the running for Georgia's Teacher of the Year.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30am for a total of four minutes

August 14, 2013. On her Mix in the Morning news programs this morning, Gail Daniels reports that two Houston County schools are among 28 schools statewide that have been deemed 2012 Georgia Schools of Excellence in Student Achievement. According to a statement made by state school superintendent John Barge, Quall Rubn Elementary is among the state's highest performing schools, and Centerville Elementary is among the schools that have made the most progress. The schools are chosen based on their performance on the College and Career-Ready Performance Index. Each school will receive \$1,000 from Georgia Natural Gas.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of five minutes

August 26, 2013. Gail Daniels says this morning during her Mix in the Morning newscasts that Middle Georgia State College's online bachelor's degree in information technology has been ranked the nation's most affordable by the consumer information website GetEducated.com. The analysis listed the total price of Middle Georgia State's online degree at \$18,479. According to the report, the average cost of an online bachelor's degree in computer science is \$49,546. The ranking was calculated by reviewing and analyzing tuition and distance-learning fees at 50 regionally accredited colleges in the country.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of four minutes

September 5, 2013. Southwest High School students will be getting some help this month as they prepare for the SAT. On Saturdays during September, Mercer University professors and students will lead free SAT prep sessions for students at Southwest. Sessions dates are scheduled for September 7, 14, 21 and 28 and students may attend one session or all of them. Each Saturday session will be broken up into two topics. SAT sections on Math, Critical Reading, and Writing will each be covered. Students can also take the full-length practice exam at the conclusion of the sessions.

Recap: Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of four minutes.

September 20, 2013. Gail Daniels reports today during Mix in the Morning that the Bibb County school board voted in favor of two new charter schools Thursday. The Macon Charter Academy was approved 7-1 and the vote was 6-2 in favor of the Academy for Classical Education or ACE. Board member Ella Carter, a former public school teacher and principal voted against the Macon Charter Academy, and Carter and Tom Hudson voted against the Academy for Classical Education. The schools are scheduled to open in fall of 2014.

Recap; Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of three minutes

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## **ANIMAL CONTROL**

July 9, 2013 The Bibb County Animal Welfare shelter's adoption area is currently under quarantine after a puppy adopted from the shelter last week died Friday from parvovirus. Animal Welfare also euthanized five other puppies as a preventive measure to keep the parvo from spreading. Shelter director Sarah Tenon said the issue has been reported to the state Department of Agriculture, which will send an inspector to the shelter today. The quarantined area is being cleaned and disinfected three times a day for al three day period.

Recap. Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 for a total of three minutes

July 15, 2013. Gail Daniels reports today on Mix in the Morning that a south Bibb County man charged with animal cruelty has been released from jail last Friday after posting bond. As a condition of his release, Magistrate Judge Barbara Harris told 52-year old Raymond Allison Carlisle that he may not have any animals in his care. Bibb Animal Welfare removed 12 cats and 9 dogs from Carlisle's home on Walden Road last week. Carlisle also had goats, chickens, turkeys, ducks, donkeys and horses on the property. He was charged with cruelty after two malnourished horses were discovered in his care. One of the horses was put down Thursday due to an old injury. Carlisle relinquished ownership of the other horse and three donkeys to the Georgia Department of Agriculture.. He has been charged with 13 counts of misdemeanor animal cruelty and received 24 citations for failing to have the dogs and cats inoculated.

Recap> Story aired at i6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 am for a total of six minutes.

August 1, 2013 The Jones County Animal Shelter is asking the Jones County Commission to allow a fee to be charged for owner surrenders. The office manager of the shelter says about half of the animals they take in each week come from people who surrender their pets to the facility. Jennifer Giddens says she wants to impose a surrender fee of \$25 for cats,\$35 for dogs, \$40 for a litter and \$50 for a mother and her litter. The money will be used to help care for sick animals. Gail Daniels reports on Mix in the Morning that the Jones County Commission Animal Control committee approved Giddens request for surrender. The full commission will vote on the fees at next Tuesday's meeting.

Recap. Story aired at 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30am for a total of four minutes

August 30, 2013. Anne Brenneman, a representative of Purrs 'n Paws was a guest with Rick Knight and Gary Thigpen on Mix in the Morning today. Ms Brenneman told of her organizations programs of pet adoption, neutering and spaying. Purrs 'n Paws is a non profit humane society on Rocky Creek Road in Macon. Anne was on the show from 7:30 to 8:00 am and was on the air for a total of twenty four minutes.

September 24, 2013. Gail Daniels reports today on Mix in the Morning that the Public Safety Committee of Macon City Council passed a new ordinance Monday that requires

spaying and neutering of most cats and dogs. The ordinance passed by a vote of 3-2 with committee chairman Virgil Watkins and councilman Henry Gibson voting against it. It's likely to come up for a full council vote in early October. The ordinance, sponsored by Councilwoman Nancy White, includes exemptions for breeding, service animals for the disabled, search and rescue animals, animals belonging to part time residents and a few others. Owners of any unaltered animal would have to buy a permit. Pets would also have to be tagged and microchipped. Violators could be fined up to \$500

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