



**QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT**

**October 1, 2008 THROUGH December 30, 2008**

## Quarterly Issues Report

### 2008 Community Affairs Issues Fourth Quarter

1. **Health Services and Medical Care**-including affordable health care, parenting and family issues, teen drug use, teen pregnancy, child abuse, health care for elderly, funding for disaster relief, safety issues, effects of budget cut on mental health community.
2. **Public Safety and Crime**-including crime rate, youth violence, gun control, increased presence of law enforcement, antiquated prison system, tougher sentencing, and school safety.
3. **Education**-including literacy, and S.C. national placement, more internships for youth, parental involvement, need to clean up school curriculum, funding for various programs).
4. **Business and Economic Development**-including need for high tech companies in the state, poor labor market for economic development.
5. **Civic Responsibilities**-including need for volunteerism, lack of trust in elected officials, need for recreational facilities for families, safer streets and highways, increased pride in the community, littering, homelessness, welfare reform, role modeling for youth, church involvement in charities, accountability for charities.
6. **Minority Issues**-including urban neighborhood revitalization, affordable education, minority representation in government, confederate flag, discrimination in the workplace, television coverage of African-American community events, race relations.
7. **Terrorism/America Unites**-including viewer responses, fundraising and security issues.

## WAFF 48

Fourth Quarter: October 1, 2008 through December, 2008.

### Description of WAFF 48 Programs

Program	Day	Time
Local News:		
48News Sunrise	Monday – Friday	5:30-6:00 AM
48News Today	Monday – Friday	6:00-7:00 AM
48News at Noon	Monday – Saturday	12:00-12:30 PM
48News at 5pm	Monday – Friday	5:00-5:30 PM
48News at 6pm	Monday – Friday	6:00-6:30 PM
48News Ten at 10	Monday – Friday	10:00-10:35 PM
48News Today: Weekend Edition	Saturday	8:00-9:00 AM
48News Weekend	Saturday – Sunday	5:00-5:30 PM
48News Ten at 10: Weekend	Saturday – Sunday	10:00-10:35 PM

All of the above programs are locally produced news, presenting a mix of news, weather, sports and issues-related feature stories and segments. Issue-responsive program segments are usually 1:30-2:30 minutes in duration, unless otherwise indicated.

Early Today	Monday-Friday	4:30-5am
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This business news and consumer show gives viewers breaking business news and stock market action from the domestic and foreign exchanges.

Today Show	Monday-Friday	7-9:00am
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This three-hour network program provides the latest in international and domestic news, weather reports and interviews with newsmakers from the world of politics, business, media, entertainment and sports. WAFF-48 provides local cut-in at various times.

Weekend Editions of Today	Saturday	8-9am
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Weekend editions continue the “Today” tradition of covering breaking news, interviewing newsmakers, reporting on a variety of popular culture and human interest stories, covering topics related to health and finance and presenting the latest sports and weather information.

NBC Nightly News

Monday-Friday

5:30-6:00pm

“NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw” provides reports and analysis of the day’s most newsworthy national and international events. It offers solution-driven programming that delves into the toughest issues facing our society today.

Dateline-NBC

Various Weekly

Various Times

This network program has pioneered a unique approach to prime time news programming with its multi-broadcast franchise. With this schedule, the one-hour newsmagazine enables NBC News to present its best reporting, investigative features, and newsmaker profiles in a consistent and comprehensive manner.

Meet The Press

Sunday

Various Times

This one-hour network news program consists of three interview segments with guests of national and international political importance, followed by an expanded roundtable discussion at the end of each broadcast.

Programs Providing Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues:  
**Health Services and Medical Care**

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: October 2, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:37

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Elizabeth Gentle delivers her weekly scorecard report. At Spice of India in Madison inspectors found no chlorine residual at the dishwasher also there was no hot water in the building. This resulted in a poor score of 78.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: October 9, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:35

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Elizabeth Gentle delivers her weekly scorecard report. This week's rotten rating comes from Camino Real in Decatur their score 66. Also on the list is Sitar Indian Cuisine in Huntsville their score 81.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: October 16, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:20

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Elizabeth Gentle delivers her weekly scorecard report. This week no scores below 85. Good scores include Outback Steakhouse in Sheffield..91. Apple Lane Farms in Huntsville.. 93. And Krystal on Highway 72 East in Athens..93.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: October 23, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:28

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Elizabeth Gentle delivers her weekly scorecard report. Madison county inspectors found personal food containers open and stored on the prep table at La Noche Buena meat department on Jordan Lane. Their health score 81.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: October 30, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:55

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Elizabeth Gentle delivers her weekly scorecard report. The restaurant scorecard team wanted to see which facilities keep their bathrooms clean and well stocked for customers. Our crews went undercover and found that Shoney's in Huntsville was clean and well stocked. Wal-mart was not as clean the floor was mess but well stocked for customers.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: November 6, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 2:23

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Elizabeth Gentle delivers her weekly scorecard report. This week is a special drive-thru edition. We found Hardees's to be

friendly and food ordered special was correct. Taco Bell didn't do so well, the food we ordered was wrong.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: November 13, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length:2:22

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Elizabeth Gentle delivers her weekly scorecard report. Is the table is your favorite restaurant clean. How about the fork, knife, or salt shaker. We took samples to the TMC laboratory in Huntsville. Some bacteria was found but the health department says it depends on how much was found.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: November 20, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length:1:55

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Elizabeth Gentle delivers her weekly scorecard report. This week's special assignment report is investigating slushy machines. The health department requires stores that sell fountain drinks or slushies to remove the nozzles and run them through a sanitizing process. We tested 5 stores and had good results.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: November 27, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length:1:25

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Elizabeth Gentle delivers her weekly scorecard report. Some of this week's scores include The Maguey in Decatur...85. Outlaw Steakhouse in Guntersville...85. Outback Steakhouse in Tuscumbia...88.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: December 05, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length:20

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on public smoking in Ft. Payne. In august voters were asked if they supported legal restrictions on smoking in public places. The majority of voters said -yes-. The fort Payne city council has decided to put together a comprehensive smoking ban.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: December 11, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length2:26

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Kim Essex delivers a weekly restaurant scorecard report. Some of this weeks scores include Zaxby's 1025 north parkway. Inspectors found white buckets not properly sanitized and dirty cutting boards. zaxby's final score...87. Catfish Cabin in Athens..97.

### **Public Service Announcements**

The station aired several different Public Service Announcements that pertained to affordable health care, parenting and family issues, teen drug use, teen pregnancy, child abuse, health care for elderly, funding for disaster relief, safety issues, effects of budget cuts on the mental health community and other miscellaneous topics. Announcements were in varying length (: 10, 15, 20, 30, and: 60); each PSA aired multiple times between October 1 and December 30, 2008.

Programs Providing Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues:  
**Public Safety and Crime**

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: October 5, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:54

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Mark Thornhill delivers his weekly crimestoppers report. A man forged checks from a business in Huntsville. But as clear as those two forged checks apparently were, these surveillance pictures of him are even clearer. You can see him cashing the checks at the Madison square and north parkway branches of colonial bank.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: October 12, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:51

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Mark Thornhill delivers his weekly crimestoppers report. A man is seen stealing not one but two vacuum cleaners from target in Huntsville. If you recognize him call 53 crime.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: October 19, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:54

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Mark Thornhill delivers his weekly crimestoppers report. Two women were caught on tape stealing items at K's Beauty Salon on Highway 71 in Madison. If you know who they are call 53 crime.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: October 26, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:42

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Mark Thornhill delivers his weekly crimestoppers report. On July 5<sup>th</sup> a crook stole a woman's purse from her car at the Madison Square Mall in Huntsville. The woman did lock her doors so the crook broke her window. He used one of her cards at Wal-mart and was caught on a security camera.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: November 2, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:42

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Mark Thornhill delivers his weekly crimestoppers report. You can clearly see the man in the ballcap walking into the super target on university drive in huntsville. In his pocket is a plastic bag that he later puts electronic items in. He was caught on an electronic device... a security camera if you know this man call 53 crime.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: November 9, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:42

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Mark Thornhill delivers his weekly crimestoppers report. A man and a woman walked around the parking lot at the Madison Square Mall in Huntsville. The man is seen many times in these surveillance pictures.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10  
Date Aired: November 16, 2008  
Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:30

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Mark Thornhill delivers his weekly crimestoppers report. A man accidentally left his credit card behind after pumping gas. Here's a look at the suspect using that stolen credit card. In fact, police say this woman used the card at several locations in the area. Do you know who she is? Crime doesn't pay. But in this case, helping to solve a crime does.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10  
Date Aired: November 23, 2008  
Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:41

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Mark Thornhill delivers his weekly crimestoppers report. Check out this huge fireball that lit up the north Madison county sky overnight September 20th. The Guffins would like to know what happened to their home if you can help call 53- crime.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10  
Date Aired: December 03, 2008  
Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:35

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Mark Thornhill delivers his weekly crimestoppers report. Specialized Medical Devices was broken into on October 26<sup>th</sup>. He cut his way through a fence. But he did all of his thievery outside the building, on the loading dock. And he stole odd items like these vice grips, cutting blades and extension cords.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10  
Date Aired: December 10, 2008  
Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:35

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Mark Thornhill delivers his weekly crimestoppers report. Joe Clayton's truck was broken into in his driveway. His wallet was inside and was taken.

And the three young men you see here on surveillance video put a huge dent in the credit cards in that stolen wallet. they racked up over 3-thousand dollars in charges that morning.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10  
Date Aired: December 15, 2008  
Time: 10:00pm Length: 36

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Mark Thornhill delivers his weekly Valley's Wanted report. Roderick Lynn Crutcher is charged with theft of services. And amber Marie Gibbs is wanted on a charge of theft by fraudulent leasing. Karen Lynn Brock is charged with possession of a controlled substance.

### **Public Service Announcements**

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Programs Providing Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues:

**Education**

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: October 2, 2008

Time: 5:00am Length: 25

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on education. A judge has barred the two-year college system from changing the classification of 140 employees in a way that would remove their tenure benefits.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 6

Date Aired: October 8, 2008

Time: 6:00pm Length: 1:23

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Jeanie Powell delivers a report on student lending. The financial crisis is causing more banks to cut back on student lending. The cable channel BET is encouraging students to raise their voice.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 6

Date Aired: October 14, 2008

Time: 6:00pm Length: 1:12

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Josh Ault delivers a report on helping to stop drop outs. A valley company in the shoals is teaming up with a school system to stamp out the drop out problem.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 6

Date Aired: October 24, 2008

Time: 6:00pm Length: 25

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on fall break. Madison county schools will get a fall break next year. The school board has decided to cut one day off the student's Thanksgiving holiday and 2 days off their winter break.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 6

Date Aired: October 30, 2008

Time: 6:00pm Length: 28

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on a valley school going green. Discovery Middle School in Madison held a green-week- pep- rally. Everyone was urged to recycle, reduce, recover, and reuse.

Program: WAFF 48 News at Today at 6

Date Aired: November 06, 2008

Time: 6:00am Length: 37

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on Amendment One that passed in Alabama by a margin of 57 to 43. The amendment allows state officials to borrow money from a state savings account that will be paid back in the future.

Program: WAFF 48 News at Today at 6

Date Aired: November 19, 2008

Time: 6:00am      Length: 30

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on a valley college. Enrollment is up at Calhoun community college. It's the largest 2-year school in Alabama and it keeps getting larger.

Program: WAFF 48 News at Today at 6

Date Aired: November 24, 2008

Time: 6:00am      Length: 30

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on The Alabama college association's annual conference officials from Alabama's two-year colleges are meeting to discuss the potential for budget cuts and a strategy to come out of a recession.

Program: WAFF 48 News at Today at 5

Date Aired: December 03, 2008

Time: 5:00am      Length: 25

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on a new program at Bob Jones High School. Every part of the classroom experience is going online. The program starts for seniors in January. If a student can't afford a computer, the school will provide one.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 6

Date Aired: December 10, 2008

Time: 6:00pm      Length: 25

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on Alabama A and M University's probation. Interim president Beverly Edmond says the reason was for non-compliance with several of sacs principals of accreditation. A-and-m administrators say they're confident the issues will be resolved quickly.

Program: WAFF 48 News at Noon

Date Aired: December 15, 2008

Time: 12:00pm      Length: 22

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on proration. Riley will announce what cuts will have to be made in order to balance the state education budget. He'll also announce the size of the budget reduction and how much money will be taken out of the rainy day fund.

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Programs Providing Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues:  
**Business and Economic Developments**

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: October 2, 2008

Time: 5:00am Length: 20

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on a new YMCA in Madison. The new Y will serve over 10 thousand people with a 50 meter pool. Aerobic classes, sports field, health screenings and after-school programs.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: October 8, 2008

Time: 6:00pm Length: 1:12

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Josh Ault delivers a report on new construction in the Shoals. They are getting ready to build a new park and bike trail. The project will incorporate the downtown area of Sheffield.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 6

Date Aired: October 16, 2008

Time: 6:00pm Length: 40

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on an economic boost in the Shoals. Muscle Shoals was selected as a targeted and prepared community. The program is offered by TVA economic development. It's designed to create more jobs in the community.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: October 21, 2008

Time: 5:00pm Length: 20

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on rezoning in Scottsboro. City Council may call a public hearing about rezoning 90 acres on Goose pond Island. Several people opposed the plan.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: October 29, 2008

Time: 5:00pm Length: 1:10

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on a new shelter in Ardmore. It will hold up to 250 people. The new shelter built to help people in times of emergency cost about 25 thousand dollars.

Program: WAFF 48 News at Noon

Date Aired: November 06, 2008

Time: 12:00pm Length: 15

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on a groundbreaking at Redstone Arsenal. Senator Richard Shelby is in Huntsville for the event of a new ATF National Center for explosives training and research.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: November 12, 2008

Time: 5:00pm Length: 1:30

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Lee Marshall delivers a report on the Fox Army Health Center of Redstone Arsenal. It is getting a 3.7 million dollar renovation. Will provide better health care for soldiers and their families for years to come.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 6

Date Aired: November 17, 2008

Time: 6:00pm Length: 55

Program Summary: WAFF 48 reporter Booby Shuttleworth delivers a report on a city in the valley getting new equipment. Decatur is getting an upgrade through a federal grant for a quarter of a million dollars. They will use that money to buy new radios.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: November 24, 2008

Time: 5:00pm Length: 40

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on the economy. New surveys show the economy may force shoppers to pull back this year. America's research group reports 40 percent of shoppers to pull back this year.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 6

Date Aired: December 03, 2008

Time: 6:00pm Length: 1:05

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Bobby Shuttleworth delivers a report on an Office Manufacturing Plant. Governor Riley was in Athens this week helping celebrate the growth at Steelcase. But Steelcase managers say their good fortune goes back to expansion and new jobs.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: December 09, 2008

Time: 5:00pm Length: 1:20

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Bobby Shuttleworth delivers a report on the cost of living. At a time when so many companies are downsizing, some are still trying to come up with cost-of living increases for their workers. Both the city council and county commission are trying to come up with a way to give their employees a cost of living raise.

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Programs Providing Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues:  
**Civic Responsibilities**

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: October 5, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:10

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Lee Marshall delivers her weekly report on foster children in Alabama. Ronnie is one of 4 siblings who are waiting to be adopted. He wants to be a doctor when he grows up.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: October 12, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 46

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Lee Marshall delivers her weekly report on foster children in Alabama. Spencer is six years old. He has 3 brothers and is looking to become part of a permanent family.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: October 19, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:22

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Lee Marshall delivers her weekly report on foster children in Alabama. Russell is a 14 year old teen. He likes to play football and listen to music. He is looking for a forever family.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: October 26, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 33

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Lee Marshall delivers her weekly report on foster children in Alabama. 15 year old Roman loves sports. He would love to be part of a forever family.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: November 2, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length:50

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Lee Marshall delivers her weekly report on foster children in Alabama. This week she introduces us to Jordan. He wants to be adopted so he can be part of a forever family.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: November 9, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length:1:11

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Lee Marshall delivers her weekly report on foster children in Alabama. Dewayne has been in and out of foster homes since he was a baby. He knows that most people want to adopt babies, but is hoping he can still find a forever family.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: November 16, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length:52

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Lee Marshall delivers her weekly report on foster children in Alabama. Aquarius is a smart child who makes great grades. That's a big achievement considering how many foster families he's lived with. Now he's looking for a forever family.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: November 23, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length:1:23

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Lee Marshall delivers her weekly report on foster children in Alabama. Alex is 11 years old and in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He wants to be a football player or a chef when he grows up. He has moved a lot in his life and would like a forever family.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: November 30, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length:40

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Lee Marshall delivers her weekly report on foster children in Alabama. Jerome is 13 and has been in the system for awhile. He needs a family with lots of love.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: December 07, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length:50

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Lee Marshall delivers her weekly report on foster children in Alabama. Cornelius is 14 years old and a good student. This is impressive considering he has been a lot of homes and schools.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: December 14 , 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length:50

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News anchor Lee Marshall delivers her weekly report on foster children in Alabama. Nicholas spends a lot of time reading to escape the reality of living in foster care. He would love to find a forever family. Will you be the one to help Nicholas reach his goals?

### **Public Service Announcements**

The station aired several different Public Service Announcements that pertained to the need for volunteerism, lack of trust in elected officials, need for recreational facilities for families, safer streets and highways, increased pride in the community, littering, homelessness, welfare reform, role modeling for youth, church involvement in charities, accountability for charities and other miscellaneous topics. Announcements were in varying length (: 10, 15, 20, 30, and: 60); each PSA aired multiple times between October 1 and December 30, 2008.

Programs Providing Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues:  
**Minority Issues**

Program: WAFF 48 News at 6

Date Aired: October 2, 2008

Time: 6:00pm Length: 1:49

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Tory Dunnan delivers a report on young voters. These 18 year olds may not share the same viewpoints, but they do believe it is their responsibility to vote.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: October 10, 2008

Time: 5:00pm Length: 25

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on the death of Jennifer Hampton. A preliminary hearing was held today in Knoxville. Valentino Miranda is accused of Killing Jennifer Hampton last month.

Program: WAFF 48 News at Noon

Date Aired: October 15, 2008

Time: 12:00pm Length: 25

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on the first-degree murder charge of Casey Anthony. Casey appeared in an Orlando courtroom this morning. Anthony is charged with first-degree murder and other charges in the disappearance of her daughter Caylee.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: October 28, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:10

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News reporter Elizabeth Gentle delivers a report on a convicted cop killer that wants a new trial. Benito Albarran's defense team filed a 26 page motion requesting new trial. They claim he was deprived of his right to be tried by an impartial jury.

Program: WAFF 48 News Today at 6

Date Aired: November 04, 2008

Time: 6:00am Length: 20

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on a Lauderdale County woman who has died. 81 year old Doris Butler drowned in a Shoals creek. Butler's daughter had arranged for her to have health care 6 days a week, but unfortunately there were still some times that butler was alone.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: November 09, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 1:23

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on a woman turning 103 years old. Mary Maupin who grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma now lives in Madison. She is happy to still be alive to see a black man become president.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: November 13, 2008

Time: 5:00pm Length: 25

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on a potential crack in the case of missing 3 year old Caylee Anthony. Investigators are trying to determine if there is a link

between a bag of toys and what appear to be bones found by divers in an Orlando pond and the missing Florida girl.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 6

Date Aired: November 24, 2008

Time: 5:00pm Length: 20

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on a Thanksgiving feast. Decatur's first and only soup kitchen served a Thanksgiving feast this afternoon. The kitchen operates through the community on church cooperation.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: December01, 2008

Time: 5:00pm Length: 1:19

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on a trial involving Valerie Cox. In an unexpected turn of events, the woman driving during a deadly police chase on redstone arsenal pleaded guilty to murder. Cox agreed to a plea of 360 months and Spurlock's family won't have to go through years of waiting on a trial and appeals.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: December07, 2008

Time: 5:00pm Length: 20

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on special need's children and adults that got an early visit from Santa. This is the 18th year, the Huntsville firefighters' association has held its annual dance at the Shiner's temple.

Program: WAFF 48 News Today at 5

Date Aired: December 17, 2008

Time: 5:00am Length: 20

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on a missing teenager. Emergency workers tell us 15-year-old William Underwood ran away from home around 4 Monday afternoon.

Search teams found the teenager 12 miles east of where he disappeared on Arnold lane in the Petersville community.

### **Public Service Announcements**

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Programs Providing Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues:  
**Terrorism/United States**

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: October 3, 2008

Time: 5:00pm Length: 1:35

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on the economic crisis. The house passed the 700 billion dollar economic rescue plan. Leaders from both parties say this was the right thing to do and will fix the ailing economy.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: October 12, 2008

Time: 5:00pm Length: 20

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on the violence in Iraq. Violence in Iraq has dropped to its lowest level in four years, but militants still carry out bombings almost daily.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: October 18, 2008

Time: 5:00pm Length: 20

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on opposition to the US-Iraqi security pact. Today followers of radical Shiite Al-Sadr rallied in Baghdad's Sadr City. The march came as American and Iraqi leaders face a December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline to reach agreement on the deal.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: October 22, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 40

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on the economy. The Dow dropped more than -500- points by closing time today. Bad 4th- quarter earnings reports from a number of companies drove stock prices down. Many -job seekers- say the economic situation is making it difficult to find a job.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: October 29, 2008

Time: 5:00pm Length: 32

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on the economy. The much-anticipated interest rate cut happened today. It'll now be cheaper for banks to borrow money, cheaper for them to lend, and hopefully easier for Americans to get credit.

Program: WAFF 48 News at today at 6

Date Aired: November 06, 2008

Time: 6:00am Length: 30

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on protesting in California. Demonstrators upset about the passage of Proposition 8 marched through the streets of L.A. The measure called for a state constitutional ban on gay marriage.

Program: WAFF 48 News at today at 6

Date Aired: November 12, 2008

Time: 6:00am Length: 30

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on low gas prices. Oil industry analysts had figured that even if the US and other western nations went into recession, China and **India** would continue to buy crude. But the booming economies in Asia are showing signs of fatigue.

Program: WAFF 48 News today at 5

Date Aired: November 27, 2008

Time: 5:00am Length: 45

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on the shooting spree in India. Teams of gunmen struck some of the most well-known landmarks in Mumbai on Wednesday. Closed circuit video at the Taj hotel shows one of the gunmen firing his weapon at the beginning of the attack.

Program: WAFF 48 News today at 6

Date Aired: December 01, 2008

Time: 6:00am Length: 35

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on the attacks in India. Residents of Mumbai say they are dealing with the aftermath of the attacks as best they can. At least 172 people were killed in the attacks.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 5

Date Aired: December 13, 2008

Time: 5:00pm Length: 20

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on Iraq. Secretary Robert Gates arrived at an Air Force base in Balad. He is scheduled to hold a meeting to discuss the security situation in Iraq.

Program: WAFF 48 News at 10

Date Aired: December 15, 2008

Time: 10:00pm Length: 15

Program Summary: WAFF 48 News delivers a report on the stock market. Worries over the auto industry and earnings reports expected later this week sent the markets lower today. The Dow Jones finished with a loss of 65 points, closing above 85-hundred points.

### **Public Service Announcements**

The station aired several different Public Service Announcements that pertained to and including viewer responses, fundraising and security issues and other miscellaneous topics. Announcements were in varying length (: 30, and: 60); each PSA aired multiple times between October 1 and December 30, 2008.