

**SECOND QUARTER ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST FOR
TROY UNIVERSITY PUBLIC RADIO
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Section I. Issues.

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community this quarter:

- A. Societal Issues:** Developing the arts; Alabama, A River State Bicentennial series – River preservation issues; Alabama Book Festival cultivating reading and writing skills; Hummingbird research; Oral history play: *Stories My Grandmother Told Me*; Alabama Lions Sight – eye care for indigent citizens in rural areas; Social Media trends; Adapting to blindness; Stop the Bleed Month; Teaching teenagers; APTV's *Discovering Alabama* on the economy and environment of Autauga County; Birds and the ecosystem; Grief recovery; Alabama State Parks Foundation; Online child predators; Southern food and culture; Alabama National Guard 151st Army Band; Civil Air Patrol; Developing children's vocabulary and teaching life lessons through a story. Re-runs: Texas - Mexico Border Walk; National Parks and Conservation Association; Southern speech; Wildlife – Fawns; *Frontiero v Richardson* Supreme Court Case.
- B. Historical Issues:** Roots of Southern literature; Architect Frederick Ausfeld's designs of Alabama's historic structures; Alabama Museum of Natural History; Harper Lee's rumored last book, *The Reverend*; Milly Francis, the Creek Indian "Pocahontas;" Col. Walter L. Watson, African American aviator who flew the SR-71 Blackbird, the fastest aircraft of the 20th century; History of the Argentine Tango; Discovery of the *Clotilda*, the last ship; Establishment of certified public accountants and CPA law in Alabama in 1919; Mark Twain's Library of "Literary Hogwash."

Section II: Responsive Programs.

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming on *In Focus*, with host Carolyn Hutcheson, dealt with each issue in a 9-minute time frame, beginning at 12:40 p.m. Central time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. On Mondays and Fridays, Don Dailey, Host- Producer of *Capitol Journal* on Alabama Public Television, does two 4-minute political review programs on *In Focus*, reflecting legislative and state government developments.

Special Note: The *In Focus* program continues its Alabama's Bicentennial Footnotes radio series, emphasizing little-known facts about the state. The programs are scattered throughout the year and cover a variety of topics and geographic locations.

A. Societal Issues:

-Broadcast on April 2:

A discussion with guests Warren Simons and Bob Corley, two fine art photographers who are helping cultivate talent in others through a contest and display of their work at Stonehenge Gallery in July.

-Broadcast on April 3:

A discussion with guests David Cangelosi, opera singer, and Charles Stakely, Montgomery Symphony board member, about cultivating the vocal talent of young classical singers through the Vann Vocal Institute. The guests look back on what the institute has accomplished in the past twelve years.

-Broadcast on April 4:

A discussion with guest Bill Deutsch, aquatic ecologist, updating the listeners on his radio Bicentennial series, Alabama, A River State, based on the Great Seal of Alabama and his book, *Alabama Rivers, A Celebration and Challenge*. Deutch is delivering some 100 lectures across the state in this Bicentennial year to educate people on river preservation issues.

-Broadcast on April 9:

A discussion with guests - by Skype with William Boyle, author of *A Friend is a Gift You Give Yourself*, and Troy University Professor of English Kirk Curnutt, in the studio, about the Alabama Book Festival and how, through its author appearances and workshops, gives attendees the tools to enlarge their reading and writing skills.

-Broadcast on April 10:

A discussion with guest Fred Bassett, federally licensed master bird bander and hummingbird researcher, about the results of his winter hummingbird banding season – 151 birds and six species banded. Fred is the founder of hummingbirdresearch.net and continues his work with our tri-state radio listeners, as “citizen scientists,” banding winter hummers in their yards.

-Broadcast on April 11:

A discussion with guests Kim Mason, regional director of plays, and Tyson Hall, actor and nephew of the late author, Wade Hall of Bullock County, about the play, *Stories My Grandmother Told Me* by Ted Swindley, and presented by the Red Door Theatre. Tyson shared stories his own grandmother told him, as well as local lore that Wade Hall shared, in a conversation that stressed oral history and a sense of community.

-Broadcast on April 17:

A discussion with guest Barry Elliott, executive director of Alabama Lions Sight, about services to indigent citizens in rural areas through the Lions Sight van and Callahan Eye Hospital in Birmingham. Since 1944, the organization has helped over 300,000 Alabamians with complete eye care.

-Broadcast on April 25:

A discussion with guest Micah Grimes, head of social media for NBC News and MSNBC and a graduate of Troy University, about social media trends and his advice to listeners on discernment of news, issues and trustworthy sourcing.

-Broadcast on April 30:

An on-location discussion at a blind support group meeting at Montgomery's Aldersgate United Methodist Church with guest Lenore Dillon, retiring from the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, about her journey with blindness. Dillon, who has been blind since her teen years, shared her advice on ways to adapt and keep a positive outlook on life. She has had a successful career as a supervisor of mobility instructors and rehabilitation teachers.

-Broadcast on May 1:

A discussion by Skype with guest Jacob Fannin, Alabama Stop the Bleed Coordinator, about the national goal of the American College of Surgeons to train people to handle bleeding emergencies. Fannin talked about typical summer emergencies and coping with heat, insect and animal bites and stings, the latest on CPR, and the importance of first aid training.

-Broadcast on May 7:

A discussion with guest Foster Dickson, who teaches teenagers English and creative writing at Booker T. Washington Magnet School in Montgomery, about ways he has found to successfully work with teens today. It starts with mutual respect and expectations. Dickson is a former Alabama PTA Teacher of the Year, and has been appointed to attend a national sustainability teachers' academy.

-Broadcast on May 8:

A discussion with guest Doug Phillips, environmental educator and host of APTV's Emmy-winning *Discovering Alabama*, about the local debut of a program about Prattville and Autauga County. The New England-style village was begun in the late 1830s by industrialist Daniel Pratt, Father of Industry in Alabama, and the community has balanced its economy and environment to this day.

-Broadcast on May 9:

A discussion with guest Marianne Hudson, conservation outreach specialist with the Alabama Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, on Ornithology Thursday, about the role of birds in the ecosystem. Birds eat disease-bearing insects like mosquitoes and ticks, and as the numbers of migratory songbirds decline, human health risks increase.

-Broadcast on May 15:

A discussion by Skype with guest Maggie Banger, licensed professional counselor and certified grief recovery therapist, about helping people cope with the challenge of grief. Banger also talked about helpful things to say (and not say) to a person experiencing grief. May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

-Broadcast on May 21:

A discussion with guests Greg Lein, Director of Alabama State Parks, and Dan Hendricks, president of the new Alabama State Parks Foundation, about the formation of the nonprofit to help stabilize the funding of the state parks, to keep them open and to establish new state parks. Several years ago, the state had to close several parks because of a funding crisis, thus ending the public's access.

-Broadcast on May 22:

A discussion with guest Amanda Mahan, a digital forensic analyst with the Autauga County Sheriff's Office, about child predators online. She works with the Internet Crimes Against Children's Task Force to apprehend predators trying to lure children and teenagers. Mahan gave tips to parents on how to monitor their child's online activity.

-Broadcast on June 4:

A discussion with guests Scott Bishop, interim director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Center at Auburn U., and Elijah Gaddis, AU assistant professor of public history, about how various foods reflect Southern culture and influence it today, due to the influx of other populations.

-Broadcast on June 25:

A discussion by Skype with guest musician Sergeant James Holmes of the Alabama National Guard's 151st Army Band, about playing for the soldiers in a war zone. Sgt. Holmes also talked about the history of the band, the "Governor's Band," and its summer tour.

-Broadcast on June 26:

A discussion with guests John Quavius Colquitt, Goodwyn Middle School student in Montgomery, and his mother, Charlotte Bazell, about his involvement in Civil Air Patrol. CAP has developed his leadership skills, and his mom noted that he has become an A-B student with a new sense of responsibility and goals.

-Broadcast on June 27:

A discussion with guest author/illustrator Silas Alexander about his family's rescue dog, Basil, who sees the world through her one eye. Alexander wrote the book, *Basil's Big Day*, about her shelter rescue and to improve communication between parents and children. The book teaches vocabulary and helps children learn life lessons, using Basil's story.

Re-runs:

Broadcast on June 6 – a program about forester Mark Hains' 2017 walk along the Texas - Mexico border and his observations about Border issues.

Broadcast on June 13 – a program about the National Parks and Conservation Association's help to the National Park Service incorporating stories about women and civil rights.

Broadcast on June 18 – a program about Southern Speech with linguist Anna Head.

Broadcast on June 19 – a program about fawns Ala. Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources

Broadcast on June 20 – a program on the *Frontiero v. Richardson* case argued before the US Supreme Court by Ruth Bader Ginsberg re equal housing benefits for women in the military.

B. Historical Issues

-Broadcast on April 16:

A discussion with guest Julie Hedgepeth Williams, professor and media historian, about the roots of Southern literature. In her search for those roots, Williams compiled the background stories and influence of Joseph Addison, Joseph Addison Turner, and Joel Chandler Harris, who formed the basis of Southern literature.

-Broadcast on April 18, re-run on June 12:

A discussion with guest Margaret Lynne Ausfeld, great-granddaughter of architect Frederick Ausfeld, about the famous architect who designed a number of noteworthy Buildings in Alabama, from courthouses to Alabama Capitol renovations, to Montgomery's Sidney Lanier High School and the Bell Building.

-Broadcast on April 24:

An on-location discussion with guests Sarah Burke, education director, and Renee Lyons, public relations and marketing manager, at the Anniston Museum of Natural History, about the collections at the museum, especially the two encased Egyptian mummies and their X-rays. The museum is a Bicentennial Pastport venue, and the interview was part of our Alabama Footnotes Bicentennial radio series.

-Broadcast on May 2:

A discussion by Skype with guest Casey Cep, author of *Furious Hours, Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee*, about Alabama writer Harper Lee's rumored last book, *The Reverend*. Cep talked about her research into the rumors and true crime case in Alexander City that Harper Lee investigated and documented, but Lee's manuscript has never surfaced.

-Broadcast on May 14:

An on-location discussion at Troy University Dothan Campus with guest Rachael Conrad, a re-enactor of Milly Francis, the Creek Indian "Pocahontas," about her bravery in the U.S.- Seminole Wars, which led to the release of a white American soldier being held as prisoner. The story was carried in newspapers across the U.S. and led to a re-evaluation of the portrayal of Indians as savages.

-Broadcast on May 28:

A discussion by Skype with guest Air Force Col. Walter L. Watson, Jr. (ret.), the decorated African American aviator who flew the 20th century's fastest aircraft, the SR-71 Blackbird, and in-studio guests Air Force Majors Ashley Ritzert and William Booth. Topics included the 2019 Gathering of Eagles and the Foundation, as well as Col. Watson's experiences as a navigator on the SR-71 and his success bringing thousands of African American college students into the AFROTC program.

-Broadcast on May 29:

A discussion with guest Lynda Wilson, Argentine Tango instructor, about the history and precision moves of the Argentine Tango, and its European musical roots.

-Broadcast on May 30:

A discussion with guest, Air Force Major General Walter Givhan (ret.), Troy University Senior Vice-Chancellor for Advancement and Economic Development, and Chair of the Alabama Historical Commission, about the discovery of the *Clotilda*, the last ship to transport slaves from west Africa to the coastal U.S. In 1860, an illegal private transport was arranged by a business owner in Mobile, and the ship was sunk after its cargo was delivered to Alabama. The ship was located in the Mobile River by archaeologists, and General Givhan delivered a firsthand report from Africa Town, where many of the descendants live.

-Broadcast on June 5:

A discussion with guests Jeannine Birmingham, president of the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants, and CPA historian and professor Jan Heir, about the 1919 founding of CPA law in Alabama, following some false starts. The ASCPA is celebrating its centennial.

-Broadcast on June 11:

A discussion with guest Allen Gribben, Mark Twain scholar and professor at AUM, about Mark Twain's Library of "Literary Hogwash." Twain never completed his education and was largely self-taught - much of his life was devoted to reading the works of other writers. For years he delighted in ridiculing their efforts, which Gribben documented in his latest book, *Mark Twain's Literary Resources, Volume 1*.