

**THIRD 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:** Ultra-marathoner USAF Major Jared Struck's participation in the Badwater 135 Death Valley Race as a benefit for One Place Family Justice Center; Training of vapor wake detection dogs to prevent terrorism attacks and mass shootings; Women writers of Alabama's capital city; Alabamian walks the US border with Mexico to explore border issues; Suicide prevention among veterans; Alabamian prevents bear-human interactions in Alaska Prudhoe Bay Oil Fields; Alabama food and culture; Montgomery Symphony Orchestra's influence on cultural landscape of Alabama's capital city; Middle East wars and corruption among foreign governments; Women directors of stage plays; Game Wardens' rescue work and enforcement of conservation laws; Alabama wildfires and drought.

- B. Historical Issues:** Archaeological artifacts uncovered by Hurricane Michael at Prospect Bluff National Underground Railroad Network of Freedom site in the Florida Panhandle; Disabilities advocate Helen Keller of Alabama; 1961 Freedom Riders in Montgomery; Early Alabama fiddle music and its heritage; Alabama's Good Roads Movement; The Civil War and aftermath; Selma Civil Rights history and *White Lies* podcast; The Legend of John Henry and its ties to Alabama; The Slave Dwelling Project; *Country Music* documentary on PBS and its ties to Alabama.

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.

Note: The Alabama Bicentennial Footnotes Radio Series continues, with programs that reflect lesser known aspects of Alabama history, people, and culture.

A. Societal Issues:

-Broadcast on July 2 and August 15:

A discussion with guests USAF Major Jared Struck on July 2 and also with Michael Briddell, board president of the One Place Family Justice Center on August 15, about Major Struck's participation as an ultra-marathoner in the invitation-only Badwater 135 Race July 15-17 in Death Valley, CA., to Mount Whitney. Major Struck's participation benefits the One Place Family Justice Center and the victims of domestic violence. The August 15 interview featured the race results and a discussion of the services of the One Place Family Justice Center.

-Broadcast on July 3:

A discussion with guest Verna Gates, freelance reporter, with an update on the training of vapor wake detection dogs in Auburn and other venues in the U.S. Her story, broadcast on Troy Public Radio, received a national award from the National Association of Press Women. She continues to track the story, as dogs are being trained to scent and identify explosives to prevent mass shootings and terrorist events at concerts, stadiums, airports and other large venues. The American Kennel Club is sponsoring the Patriotic Puppies Project, to raise and supply dogs for selection and vapor wake training.

-Broadcast on July 23:

A discussion with guests Ruth Ott and Carol Moseley, members of the Montgomery Press and Authors Club, about the contributions of women writers to the cultural life of Alabama's capital city. The group is celebrating its centennial with the publication of *Listen Up, Alabama Women Speak*, a book of stories and essays.

-Broadcast on July 30:

A discussion with guest Mark Hains, Registered Forester and educator, about his walk along the U.S. Mexico border. Earlier, his first interview involved his 2014 walk along the Texas – Mexico border, and in this, his second interview, he discussed walking along the remainder of the border in 2017, gathering reactions from the local residents about immigration and the proposed border wall.

-Broadcast on July 31:

A discussion with guest Commissioner Kent Davis of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, about his project to address the issue of veteran suicides. As a veteran himself (retired Navy Rear Admiral and U.S. Army veteran of the wars in the Middle East), Davis has established a task force to find avenues to help veterans who are suicidal.

-Broadcast on August 8:

A discussion by Skype with guest James Jenkins of Selma, AL, about his job patrolling the Prudhoe Bay Oil Fields in Alaska, to keep polar and grizzly bears away from humans. He addressed the topic of animal migration routes and the policy of oil companies training workers - "animals always have the right-of-way."

-Broadcast on August 14:

A discussion by Skype with guest Emily Blejwas, who traveled through Alabama to identify its major food influences on culture. Blejwas wrote the book, *The Story of Alabama in Fourteen Foods*, and gave examples of the foods reflected the regions. On August 20, she will present a book talk at the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

-Broadcast on August 22:

A discussion with guests Thomas Hinds, Montgomery Symphony Conductor and Music Director, and Dotty Hannan, Board member of the Symphony League, about the impact of the Montgomery Symphony on the cultural life of Alabama's capital city. A priority has been to bring classical music training and opportunities to young generations. On August 29, the symphony will present "Broadway Under the Stars," a concert open to the public.

-Broadcast on September 3:

An on-location discussion with Emmy award-winning guest actress Carrie Preston, who is directing the play, *Buzz* by Susan Ferrara, about Mary Ann "Buzz" Goodbody, who in the 1970s directed Ben Kingsley in *Hamlet* for the Royal Shakespeare Company in a tin building called The Other Place. At the time, women directors were few, and four days after the opening, she was found dead by suicide.

-Broadcast on September 4:

A discussion by Skype with guest Sarah Chayes, former NPR reporter who covered the fall of the Taliban, about her wartime experiences and her subsequent commitment to help rebuild Afghanistan through the establishment of a cooperative and another local business. She became an advisor to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. On September 11, she will address the Alabama World Affairs Council about international corruption and how it threatens global security.

-Broadcast on September 25:

A discussion for "Wildlife Wednesday" with guests Marianne Hudson, Conservation Education Specialist with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and Sergeant Vance Wood, Conservation Officer/Game Warden, about the role of game wardens in conservation law enforcement and rescue work on land and water. Sergeant Wood was one of the first to arrive on the scene of the March 3rd, EF-4 Lee County tornado that killed 23 people, and he and fellow conservation officers were involved in the early search and rescue of the victims.

-Broadcast on September 26:

A discussion by Skype with guest Matt McCullough, Registered Forester and Work Unit Manager for Bullock, Lee, Macon, and Russell counties for the Alabama Forestry Commission, about the drought and increasing wildfires across Alabama. The drought is causing tree damage from Ips Beetle disease, and as grass turns brown it fuels the wildfires.

B. Historical Issues

-Broadcast on July 4:

A discussion by Skype with guest historian Dale Cox from the Florida Panhandle about archaeological artifacts uncovered by Hurricane Michael at the Prospect Bluff site in the Apalachicola National Forest. The site was the largest free black community in North America and was part of the National Underground Railroad Network of Freedom.

-Broadcast on July 9:

An on-location discussion with guest Sue Pilkilton, Executive Director of Ivy Green, the childhood home of Helen Keller in Tuscumbia, AL, about the finding of the original pump that teacher Annie Sullivan used to help Helen identify the concept of water. Pilkilton also talked about the international impact of Helen Keller's work.

-Broadcast on August 1:

A discussion with guest Valda Harris Montgomery, who shared her memories of the 1961 Freedom Riders. When they stopped in Alabama's capital city, her family hosted them in their home when Valda was a young teenager. On August 9, the Friends of the Freedom Rides Museum will present a one-man play by Mike Wiley, *Breach of Peace*, as a benefit for the Freedom Rides Museum.

-Broadcast on August 6:

A discussion with guests Michael Panhorst, Executive Director of Landmarks Foundation Old Alabama Town, and by Skype with Joyce Cauthen, Director Emeritus of the Alabama Folklife Association, about early Alabama fiddle music. For the past decade, Cauthen has traveled throughout Alabama and documented early folk songs, tracing fiddle music to settlers from Scotland and Ireland and Africa. On August 10, the Yam Family Band will present this music at Old Alabama Town.

-Broadcast on August 7:

An on-location discussion at Troy University Dothan Campus with guest Wiregrass Archives Director Martin Olliff about Alabama's Good Roads Movement. The development of the state's economy and population growth resulted from political initiatives for a network of roads to connect farmers to markets and cities to other urban centers. Olliff is author of the book, *Getting Out of the Mud, The Alabama Good Roads Movement and Highway Administration, 1898 – 1928*.

-Broadcast on August 13:

A discussion with guest historian Calvin Chappelle, Site Director of the Alabama Historical Commission's Confederate Park, about the Civil War and the care of wounded Confederate veterans afterward. Chappelle's forebears fought on both sides of the war. A Living History Drill event will take place at the park on August 17.

-Broadcast on August 27 & 28:

A discussion by Skype with guest Chip Brantley, who produced the NPR podcast, *White Lies*, with Andrew Beck Grace. Both men are journalism instructors at the University of Alabama, and they spent three years solving a cold case murder in Selma in 1965 – that of Reverend James Reeb, a white Civil Rights worker from the Boston area. They solved the case and located a witness to the murder, as well as the fourth attacker of the minister.

-Broadcast on August 28:

A discussion by Skype with guest Joanne Bland, who was a co-founder of the National Voting Rights Museum in Selma and was featured in the NPR podcast, *White Lies*. Bland told about her efforts to educate visitors through tours to Selma's Civil Rights sites and share her Journeys for the Soul stories.

-Broadcast on September 17:

A discussion by Skype with guest Sam Pezilo, Chairman of the Leeds Redevelopment Authority and retired Birmingham Southern history professor, about the documentation tying John Henry, the Steel Drivin' Man, to Leeds, Alabama in the 1880s. An original outdoor play, *Listen To That Cold Steel Ring*, will be presented September 21 during the John Henry and Fall Festival Celebration in Leeds.

-Broadcast on September 18:

A discussion by Skype with guests Joseph McGill, founder of the Slave Dwelling Project, and in studio with Carole King, Curator and historic preservationist with Landmarks Foundation Old Alabama Town, about McGill's unique project of spending the night in former slave dwellings across the U.S., to draw attention to the role slaves played in American history. On September 21, Old Alabama Town will host McGill and food historian Jerome Bias. Many historic sites have subsequently changed their narrative to include the contributions of slaves.

-Broadcast on September 19 and 24:

A two-part on-location discussion at the Alabama Department of Archives and History with guest Dayton Duncan, writer and producer of several PBS documentaries with Ken Burns, about their latest collaboration – a documentary series exploring the history of country music, with its roots in Scotland, Ireland, and Africa, and its regional U.S. ties. Duncan talked about the importance of Hank Williams and his Alabama roots.