

**FIRST QUARTER ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST FOR  
TROY UNIVERSITY PUBLIC RADIO  
April 1 – June 30, 2018  
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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:** Alzheimer's and Dementia; War on Terror; Eric Motley's journey from Madison Park neighborhood of Montgomery, AL, to the White House; a Jewish Family's survival of the Holocaust; Conservation and baby wildlife; the Impact on families from civil rights changes (in a play); the Protection of Vulnerable Adults legislative act; Training people to develop leadership skills; Storytelling that interprets life experiences; Black Bears in our coverage area; America's Vet Dogs (service dogs for veterans with disabilities); Better Business Bureau consumer topics; Gathering of Eagles Foundation and its cultivation of young aviators; Alabama Bicentennial School projects; Teamwork skills in and outside the workplace; the Peabody Awards; Using nature's ingredients as cleaning products; the U.S.- Mexico Border; North and South Korea relations; Alligator proliferation; Cryptocurrency; Florida Tupelo Honey and European Honeybee pollinators; Cultivating Reading with children; the Musical *Annie* and its reflection of community diversity; Hummingbird news.
- B. Historical Issues:** Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassin James Earl Ray; Maxwell AFB in the War years; Helen Keller's Alabama story and *The Miracle Worker* play; Alabama history chronicled in old black and white photographs; Wilson's Union Raiders in the Civil War South; Bruce Boynton and the Supreme Court case that ended racially segregated transportation; St. Margaret's Hospital's early regional cardiac center; Jane Austen's relevance today; Juneteenth and Slavery Emancipation.

**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, recorded two 4-minute political review programs on *In Focus*, reflecting legislative and state government developments.

## **A. Societal Issues:**

-Broadcast on April 3:

A discussion by Skype with guest Kay Jones of Dothan about the latest developments in diagnosis for Alzheimers and Dementia, and advice on what types of care and activity seem to work preventively and palliatively. Jones is Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Resource Center.

-Broadcast on April 10:

A discussion by Skype with guests - Four-Star General Michael Hayden, USAF Ret., former head of both the CIA and the National Security Agency, and in the studio with Dr. Doug Davis. Troy University Associate Professor of Political Science, about current Global Security as the U.S. fights a complicated war on terror. Hayden will address the Alabama World Affairs Council on April 11th at Troy University's Montgomery Campus.

-Broadcast on April 11:

A discussion by Skype with guests - Dr. Eric Motley, author of the inspirational memoir, *Madison Park: A Place of Hope*, and in the studio with Dr. Kirk Curnutt, Chair of the English Department at Troy University, about Motley's boyhood in Madison Park, a neighborhood settled on land purchased by former slaves on the outskirts of Montgomery, AL, and his rise to prominence at the White House. Motley is keynote speaker at the Alabama Book Festival April 21st.

-Broadcast on April 12:

A discussion by Skype with guest Georgia Hunter, who discovered as a teenager that her Jewish grandfather's entire family had, against the odds, survived the Holocaust. She related her ten-year quest to track down the survivors and descendants, who settled in several countries. Her book about those family stories is *We Were the Lucky Ones*.

-Broadcast on April 18::

A discussion on Wildlife Wednesday with guest Marianne Hudson, Conservation Outreach Coordinator for the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, about baby wildlife and the protocol when they get separated from their nests. Wildlife rehabilitators are available if the wildlife seem injured; but federal and state laws prohibit the raising of wildlife.

-Broadcast on May 1:

A discussion with guest Georgette Norman, Director of the Cloverdale Playhouse production of *Fences*, Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning play by August Wilson, about the play's message today. The Civil Rights era had an impact on African-American families, who had to grapple with the pre-conceived "fences," or boundaries, that circumscribed social interaction.

-Broadcast on May 2:

A discussion with guest Joe Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about the Protection of Vulnerable Adults Act, passed by the Alabama Legislature in 2016 to protect vulnerable adults from financial exploitation. Borg talked about the implementation of the act and the obligation it imposes on financial advisors to report any suspected financial abuse.

-Broadcast on May 3:

A discussion with guest Sharleen Smith, Troy University Director of Outreach and a longtime executive coach and motivational speaker, about how to develop leadership qualities, especially in the workplace. The Alabama Leadership Conference takes place May 15th at Troy University's Montgomery Campus.

-Broadcast on May 15:

A discussion by Skype with guest Catherine Burns, Artistic Director of *The Moth Radio Hour*, about the role of storytelling as a reflection of life experiences and a way to reconnect with others. *The Moth* grew out of front porch storytelling among friends in southeast Georgia, harkening back to an early Southern tradition shared by families and neighbors. A taping for the national radio show will be held at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival May 18th.

-Broadcast on May 16:

A discussion with guests Thomas Harms, Large Carnivore Coordinator, and Marianne Hudson, Conservation Outreach Coordinator, with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, about black bears in Alabama. This Wildlife Wednesday discussion covered black bear behavior and habitat, with advice for the listeners.

-Broadcast on May 17:

A discussion by Skype with guest Joe Worley about America's Vet Dogs, an organization that provides service dogs at no cost to military veterans with a wide range of disabilities. Worley served as a U.S. Navy Corpsman with Two-One Marines in Iraq when he was injured in 2004 by an IED. He talked about how his yellow Labrador service dog, Galaxie, helps mitigate his injuries.

-Broadcast on May 22:

A discussion with guest David Smitherman, President and CEO of the Better Business Bureau Serving Central and South Alabama, about consumer advice when selecting air conditioning contractors.

-Broadcast on May 23:

A discussion with guests USAF Major Annie Driscoll, President of the Gathering of Eagles Foundation, and USAF Major Richie Harr, Community Outreach Coordinator. Both are pilots and are students at the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB. The guests talked about the foundation's mission to cultivate the interest of young students in aviation and the organization's scholarship program, which to date has awarded over 50 scholarships.

-Broadcast on May 24:

A discussion with guest Erik Haeuser, Education Program Specialist with the Alabama Bicentennial Commission, about Bicentennial school projects that will benefit communities. This summer presents an opportunity for K-12 students to gear up with plans to address local needs. Bicentennial Schools will be announced in August.

-Broadcast on May 29:

A discussion with guest Peter Land, internationally known management consultant, about collaboration and teamwork skills that translate into personal and group success in business, organizations and other areas of life.

-Broadcast on May 30:

A discussion by Skype with guest Dr. Jeffrey Jones, Director of the Peabody Awards at the University of Georgia, about the prestigious awards program that recognizes excellence in storytelling by radio, television, and electronic media. The awards were established in 1941.

-Broadcast on May 31:

A discussion with guest Debbie Boutelier, Past President of the Herb Society of America, Master Gardener, and former Extension Agent, about using nature's plants as cleaning agents in the home, instead of chemicals.

-Broadcast on June 7 :

A discussion with guest forester Mark Hains, who set out to walk the U.S.- Mexico Border and learn firsthand about the proposal to build a wall between the countries. Hains talked about his book, *Border Walk*, and his experiences walking the Texas - Mexico Border. He completed the entire border walk and is working on a second book about the rest of the border. His conclusion, after encountering many border agents, local townspeople, and several drug smugglers, is to establish strategic monitoring points near roads and smuggling routes.

-Broadcast on June 12:

A discussion with guest Christa Springs, who lived in Korea for two months as a volunteer at the Winter Olympics. Christa is Assistant Program Coordinator for AKEEP, the nonprofit Alabama-Korea Education and Economic Partnership and serves with Americorps Vista, and she wanted to witness relations between the North Korean and South Korean athletes at the Olympics.

-Broadcast on June 13:

A discussion with guests Chris Nix, biologist and Alligator Hunt Coordinator with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and Marianne Hudson, Conservation Outreach Coordinator, about alligator behavior and habitat in Alabama. Since the American Alligator's removal from the Endangered Species Act after the 1930s, they have proliferated to the point that four different alligator hunt locales have been identified in Alabama. This was a Wildlife Wednesday program.

.-Broadcast on June 19:

A discussion with guest Joe Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about Cryptocurrency and initial coin offerings (ICOs). Because these currencies have no monetary backing, they can become problematic for investors. In May, the ASC joined a coordinated international crackdown on fraudulent initial coin offerings and cryptocurrency-related investment products.

-Broadcast on June 20:

An on-site discussion with guests - beekeepers Ben and Glynnis Lanier of Wewahitchka, Florida, about Ben's family as beekeepers since 1898. The guests talked about Florida Tupelo Honey, how and where it's cultivated, and the challenges of maintaining the European Honeybees as pollinators.

-Broadcast on June 26:

A discussion with guest Peter Huggins, poet and retired Professor of English at Auburn University, about reading as a basis for education. His new children's book, *Thibodeaux and the Fish*, is colorfully designed and geared to stir a child's curiosity. He has worked with teachers on classroom activities to broaden his stories into art and other projects. Huggins is a proponent of parents reading to children and helping them cultivate a love of books.

-Broadcast on June 28:

A discussion with guests Christopher Windom, Director and Choreographer of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's production of *Annie*, and Katie Perkowski, ASF Marketing and Communications Director, about the play's reflection of the diversity of the Montgomery community.

-Broadcast on June 27:

A discussion by Skype with guest Fred Bassett, federally licensed Master Bird Bander, in Idaho on his Western hummingbird banding trip about the latest news - a man in New Brunswick, Canada found a Ruby Throated Hummingbird Fred had banded nine years earlier in Florida. This documents the northern range of the Ruby Throat.

## **B. Historical Issues**

-Broadcast on April 4:

A discussion with guest Lee Sentell, Director of Tourism for the State of Alabama, about James Earl Ray, the assassin of Martin Luther King, Jr. When Sentell was a journalist, he was friends with William Bradford Huie, who interviewed at length James Earl Ray. Sentell shared the background story of Ray's professed motive in killing the Civil Rights leader.

-Broadcast on April 5:

A discussion with guests Dr. Bob Kane, Air University Historian, and USAF Captain Whitney Bertsch, Commander Military Personnel Flight 42nd Air Base Air Base Wing, about the history of Maxwell AFB in the war years, during its 100 years of existence.

-Broadcast on April 17:

A discussion with guest James Bowen, Director of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's play, *The Miracle Worker*. Bowen is a west Alabama native, whose piano teacher inspired him with Helen Keller's life story when he was a child. He talked about bringing Southern culture into the play, as well as helping the audience experience the reality of Helen's initially chaotic world as her teacher Annie Sullivan gradually brought order to her thinking and communication.

-Broadcast on April 19:

A discussion by Skype with guest Frances Osborn Robb, who for 25 years collected old black and white photographs illustrating the people and history of Alabama. She talked about her research and several of the exceptional photographs and the stories they represented in her book, *Shot in Alabama, A History of Photography, 1839 to 1941*.

-Broadcast on May 9:

A discussion by Skype with guest historian Russell Blount about the Civil War raid in the Spring of 1865, led by Union General James Wilson's 13,000-man cavalry to burn parts of Alabama and Georgia and destroy the heart of the South. Significantly, Robert E. Lee had surrendered his forces, but other Southern forces had not. Blount's book is *Wilson's Raid, the Final Blow to the Confederacy*.

-Broadcast on May 10:

A discussion by Skype with guest attorney Bruce Boynton and with in-studio guest Dr. Valda Montgomery, President of the Friends of the Freedom Rides Museum, about Boynton's role in a 1958 incident in which a restaurant refused to serve him a sandwich, subsequently triggering the Supreme Court case that ended racially segregated transportation. Boynton at the time was a law student traveling by bus from Washington, D.C., to his home in Selma, AL.

-Broadcast on June 5:

A discussion with guests Barbara Bartley, former St. Margaret's Hospital Director of Nursing, and Margaret Gunter, former Director of Communications, about the pioneering efforts of Montgomery's St. Margaret's Hospital to serve as a regional cardiac care center and train medical professionals throughout much of the 20th century.

-Broadcast on June 14:

A discussion by Skype with guest Pat Cargile of the Jane Austen Society, Alabama Chapter, about the writer Jane Austen and her relevance to today. Cargile compared the times Austen lived in with today's changing society and cast Austen as an early feminist prototype.

-Broadcast on June 21 :

A discussion with guest Dr. Felecia Bell, Director of the Troy University Rosa Parks Museum, about Juneteenth, the occasion in 1865 when Texas observed the Emancipation Proclamation, two-plus years after President Lincoln issued the proclamation freeing slaves. The Rosa Parks Museum will celebrate the famous holiday on June 23rd with a block party.