

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

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community this quarter. Note: Troy Public Radio is continuing through 2019 two Alabama Bicentennial radio series on the “In Focus” program – *Alabama’s Bicentennial Footnotes*, and *Alabama A River State* (based on the Great Seal of Alabama). A number of the programs below reflect these series. Also we continued a monthly series called *Wildlife Wednesdays* with the Alabama Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources, discussing the status of various wildlife species indigenous to the tri-state coverage area, including conservation concerns.

- A. Societal Issues:** Immigrant family story; Prominent African-Americans with ties to Alabama; Assistive Technology for people with vision disabilities; the status of Bald Eagles; New statue of Helen Keller at Ivy Green, her birthplace in Tusculumbia, AL; the Partial Government Shutdown and its effects on citizens, airline passengers, and federal workers; the Wetumpka Tornado; Meeting workforce needs through education; Bringing the international arts to Alabama; the status of Falconry; Oscar nominee Barry Alexander Brown’s new movie project about the life of white Civil Rights worker Bob Zellner; World political hotspots; former Prison Inmate starting life over after 18 years; Heart health for City of Troy employees; the Vann Vocal Institute’s teaching the Classical vocal arts to young adults; Alabama Shakespeare Festival’s Repertory Season’s interpretation of *Romeo and Juliet* from community perspective; Cancer Wellness Foundation’s Women in Blue Campaign for colon cancer awareness; Sylacauga White Marble; Wild Turkeys and research into their decline; National Parks Conservation Association helping National Parks widen their scope to include stories of diversity.
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- B. Historical Issues:** Red Wolves at the Tallahassee Museum (Zoo)-they were indigenous to the Southeast; The slave ship Clotilda, that in 1860 transported the last slaves from Africa to the Alabama coast; Montgomery’s controversial Whitehurst Case; the Legacy of an artist born into slavery – Bill Traylor; the Story of Alabama’s capital city told through its buildings and neighborhoods; Alabama’s most famous historian, Albert Pickett; Micro-Premature Babies and help from the March of Dimes; Civil Rights activist Bob Zellner’s family involvement with the Ku Klux Klan.

Section II: Responsive Programs.

The station has broadcast programming addressing 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 issues.

A. Societal Issues:

-Broadcast on January 9:

A discussion with guest Lara Kosolopoff-Wright about her Russian family's migration to the United States as they fled the Russian Revolution of 1917. Her family eventually settled in Auburn, Alabama, and became educators.

-Broadcast on January 10:

A discussion with guest historian Dr. Richard Bailey, author of *They, Too, Call Alabama Home*, about prominent African-Americans with ties to Alabama and how they affected history.

-Broadcast on January 15:

A discussion with guest Jason Martin, Assistive Technology Specialist for the Blind at the Alabama Dept. of Rehabilitation Services, about technological innovations and aids for people who are blind or visually impaired.

-Broadcast on January 16::

A *Wildlife Wednesday* discussion with guest Marianne Hudson, Conservation Outreach Specialist with the Alabama Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources , about the comeback of bald eagles in the Southeast. Bald eagles were chosen in 1782 as the Emblem of the U.S.

-Broadcast on January 17:

An on-location discussion in Tuscumbia, AL, with guest Craigger Browne, sculptor of the new Helen Keller-Anne Sullivan statue, at Ivy Green, Keller's birthplace in Tuscumbia, AL. Browne shared the story of how he sculpted the statue and researched the original pump where Helen's breakthrough came as her teacher, Anne Sullivan, showed her blind and deaf student the tactile meaning of water.

-Broadcast on January 29:

A discussion by Skype with guest Mark Wnuk, Montgomery Airport Authority Executive Assistant, about how Montgomery Regional Airport has been coping with the Partial Government Shutdown and its effects on airline passengers and TSA employees.

Broadcast on January 30:

A discussion by Skype with guest Richard Deem, Director and CEO of the Montgomery Area

Food Bank, about the effects of the Partial Government Shutdown on unpaid federal workers.

-Broadcast on January 31:

A discussion with guest Ned Jenkins, who survived the F2 tornado that destroyed a residential section of Wetumpka, Alabama on January 19. Jenkins gave a firsthand report on the storm and its path along the west bank of the Coosa River, destroying much of two churches, houses, and the landscape.

-Broadcast on February 6:

A discussion with guest Dr. Jim Purcell, Executive Director of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, about how Alabama is becoming a magnet for industrial development. Yet that development is dependent on an educated workforce to meet workplace requirements.

-Broadcast on February 7:

A discussion with guest Frank Harrison about his great-grandfather, artist Bill Traylor, who was born into slavery in west Alabama. His prolific self-taught art is at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in an exhibit called, *Between Worlds: The Art of Bill Traylor*, the first major retrospective ever organized for an artist born into slavery. Harrison reflected on Traylor's path in life and how it was reflected in his art.

-Broadcast on February 12:

A discussion with guest Mrs. Janice Hawkins, First Lady of Troy University, about her efforts to bring the international arts to Alabama, for which she is being honored by the City of Prattville as an Outstanding Patron of the Arts and Humanities. Mrs. Hawkins described the artistic and performing arts partnerships between Alabama and other countries. The Janice Hawkins Cultural Park and International Arts Center on the Troy University campus illustrate that partnership with unique exhibits like the Terracotta Warriors and the Italian Dove. Troy students are participating in cultural exchanges with Italy, especially in the performing arts.

-Broadcast on February 13:

A Wildlife Wednesday discussion with guest Marianne Hudson, Conservation Outreach Specialist with the Alabama Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, about the ancient sport of Falconry. Joining her in the studio was an American Kestrel, with which she hunts as a licensed falconer. Hudson talked about the status of falcons in the ecosystem.

-Broadcast on February 14:

A discussion with guest Barry Alexander Brown, Oscar nominee for Film Editing of the movie, *Black KKKlansman*, about his new project to make a movie in his native state of Alabama about Bob Zellner, a white Civil Rights activist who knew Martin Luther King Jr. and served as a secretary of SNCC, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, in the Civil Rights era.

-Broadcast on February 19:

A discussion with guest Professor Bill Dean, historian who teaches at the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, about the War on Terror in other places around the world

besides the Middle East.

-Broadcast on February 26:

A discussion with guests Triona Carter, former inmate, and Carol Potok, Executive Director of Aid to Inmate Mothers, about starting life over after 18 years behind prison bars. Carter described how AIM had facilitated visits between Carter and her two sons while she was incarcerated. Now that Carter is at a halfway house facing freedom, she shared her plans for starting a new job, earning her degree, and becoming a counselor.

-Broadcast on February 28:

A discussion with guests Corey Kirkland, Health Services Administrator for the Southeastern District of the Alabama Dept. of Public Health, and Jacob Fannin, Risk Management Coordinator for the City of Troy, AL, about how the City's Heart Health project is improving employees' blood pressure and heart health numbers.

-Broadcast on March 6:

A discussion with guests David Cangelosi, opera singer and Artistic and Program Director of the Vann Vocal Institute, and Charles Stakely, Montgomery Symphony Board member, about the Institute's mission to train young adult students in the classical vocal arts. The guests talked about the history of the Institute and its growth.

-Broadcast on March 7:

A discussion with guest Heidi Beattie, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Troy University, about the micro-preemie twins that she and her husband had in 2017. She described the tense journey through the uncertainty that her babies would live, and how neonatal equipment provided by the March of Dimes helped save their lives. The Beatties are the 2019 March of Dimes Ambassador Family for Central Alabama.

-Broadcast on March 12:

A discussion by Skype with guests Rick Dildine, Artistic Director of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, and actor Cassia Thompson, about the play, *Romeo and Juliet*, reframing the play as an instructive story of how a community fails to support its young people.

-Broadcast on March 13:

A discussion with guest Wendy Anzalone, Executive Director of the Cancer Wellness Foundation, about the Women in Blue Campaign to raise awareness of colon cancer, the second leading cancer killer behind lung cancer. The campaign stresses the importance of colon cancer screenings.

-Broadcast on March 14:

An on-location discussion in Tuscumbia, AL, site of his Helen Keller statue, with Craigger Browne, Artist-in-Residence for the City of Sylacauga, about Sylacauga Marble, considered among the finest white marble in the world and comparable in quality to Italian white marble. Browne talked about Sylacauga's resurgence as Alabama's Marble Capital and its partnership

with Pietrasanta, Italy, as well as the site of the Sylacauga Marble Festival in April.

-Broadcast on March 20:

A Wildlife Wednesday discussion with guests Steve Barnett, District Five Supervising Biologist with the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, and Marianne Hudson, Conservation Outreach Coordinator, about wild turkeys and research into their decline.

-Broadcast on March 21:

A discussion with guests Alan Spears, Cultural Resources Director Government Affairs, and Ron Sundergill, Senior Director of the Pacific Region, for the National Parks Conservation Association, about the nonprofit's efforts to help the National Parks include diversity in their stories and outreach. The guests also talked about new National Park components in Alabama.

B. Historical Issues

-Broadcast on January 8:

A discussion by Skype with guest Mike Jones, Animal Curator at the Tallahassee Museum, about the Red Wolves being raised at the museum (zoo). Red wolves were indigenous to the Southeast, as recorded by naturalist William Bartram in *Travels of William Bartram*, when he traveled through Alabama, Florida, Georgia and the Southeast in 1775. Bartram recorded sightings of red wolves at Catoma Creek. Jones talked about the limited number of red wolves being raised and released in North Carolina and St. Vincent's Island, in the Florida Panhandle.

-Broadcast on January 23:

A discussion by Skype with guest Professor Sylviane Diouf of Brown University and author of the book, *Dreams of Africa in America, the Slave Ship Clotilda and the Story of the Last Africans Brought to America*, about her research into the Clotilda and the village of Africa Town that the passengers founded in coastal Alabama. In 1860, 110 young men, women and children were transported to Alabama in an illegal six-week voyage.

-Broadcast on February 5:

A discussion with guest Foster Dickson, author of *Closed Ranks, the Whitehurst Case in Post-Civil Rights Montgomery*, about the Alabama capital city's notorious 1975 case, when a fleeing black man suspected of robbery was shot and killed by police officers. The case led to the mayor's resignation and that of other officials.

-Broadcast on February 20:

A discussion with guest Christy Anderson, Historic Preservation Coordinator for the City of Montgomery, about the architecture of the State Capitol, completed in Greek Revival style in 1851, and neighborhood home styles of architecture that reflected the city's growth patterns.

-Broadcast on March 5:

A discussion with guest James Pate, Emeritus Professor of History at the University of West Alabama, and Editor of *The Annotated History of Alabama and Incidentally of Georgia and Mississippi From the Earliest Period*, about Pickett's book, published in 1851, and his childhood in Autauga County. Pate also recounted a mystery contained in Pickett's book that is still unsolved – the location of Mauvila, site of a major battle in Alabama between DeSoto and Native Americans.

-Broadcast on March 19:

A discussion with guest Bob Zellner, author of the book, *The Wrong Side of Murder Creek - A White Southerner in the Freedom Movement*, about his family's membership in the Ku Klux Klan. Both his father and paternal grandfather were Klan activists, and Zellner told Klan stories. He is the subject of the upcoming movie, *Son of the South*, about his transformation to a Civil Rights worker for the SNCC.