

FOURTH QUARTER ISSUES PROGRAM LIST FOR TROY UNIVERSITY PUBLIC RADIO

October 1 – December 30, 2023

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Section 1: Issues

The station has addressed the following issues as significant in our listening community this quarter.

A. Societal Issues: Fraudulent farm produce scheme; Rodent control using vaccinated feral cats; Medical Cannabis; Day of National Concern about Young People and Violence; Alabama's workforce development; Disability story; Sand Mountain family story of poverty and mental illness; For The Newswrap – Senator Tommy Tuberville's hold on military promotions; White collar crime; Caring for wintering hummingbirds; Alabama's poultry industry crisis; Speaking Globally podcast; Quest for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker; Better Business Bureau tips for holidays; Republican Presidential Debate in Tuscaloosa, AL; Alabama's big political story of 2023 – Reapportionment; ASC Director's personal story of family theft and domestic violence.

B. Historical Issues: Flag Mountain CCC Fire Tower restoration and celebration of the Arts on the mountain; Memories of the Civil Rights era in Alabama; Montgomery's historic Capri Theatre; 1920s Silent Movies and musical accompaniment; The American Chestnut Tree – can it be brought back from the edge of extinction?; Alabama's disappearing Rosenwald Schools; The Old Farmer's Almanac; Native American Heritage Month; Native American Food origins, African American Food origins; Rosa Parks Day.

SECTION 11: Responsive Programs

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming on In Focus dealt with each issue in a 9-minute time frame, beginning at 12:40 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, continuing with In Focus Weekend at 3:40 p.m. Saturdays and 6:40 a.m. Sundays. Weekend In Focus programs were rebroadcasts of the weekday programs. On Fridays, starting October 6, The Newswrap resumed broadcasts three times during the day, with guest Todd Stacy, Host of Alabama Public Television's Capitol Journal, in a 4 ½-minute time frame. The Storyline Book series continued on In Focus several days each month.

A. Societal Issues:

-Broadcast on October 10:

A discussion with guest Amanda Senn, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, on The Exchange, about a case she prosecuted involving a fraudulent tomato-growing scheme in north Alabama.

-Broadcast on October 11:

A discussion with guest Tee Ortega, President of TAG – That Animal Group, the nonprofit organization that arranges for feral cats to be spayed and neutered and returned to their neighborhoods to control the rodent population. TAG serves several counties in south central Alabama.

-Broadcast on October 13:

On The Newswrap, a discussion with guest journalist Todd Stacy about Alabama's Medical Cannabis Commission, established by the Legislature and continuing to evolve in its efforts to address the needs of patients in Alabama.

-Broadcast on October 18:

Today is the Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence, with a discussion with guest Jonathan Ross, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama, about a new partnership between schools and the U.S. Department of Justice – the Safe Student Pledge to Stand Against Firearm Endangerment.

-Broadcast on November 3:

On The Newswrap, a discussion with guest journalist Todd Stacy about targeted efforts to boost Alabama's workforce and keep newly trained workers in the state.

-Broadcast on November 8:

A discussion with guest Tim Emmons, Reader Advisor and Senior Librarian at the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled at the Alabama Public Library Service, about his personal story as a blind person navigating a sighted world.

-Broadcast on November 9:

A discussion with guest Neal Wooten, author of the book, *With the Devil's Help, A True Story of Poverty, Mental Illness, and Murder*, for The Storyline book series, about his Sand Mountain, Alabama, family story.

-Broadcast on November 10:

A discussion for The Newswrap with guest Todd Stacy about Alabama Senator Tommy Tuberville's hold on military promotions, given his stance on abortions. Troy Public Radio's three-state coverage area has a number of military installations.

-Broadcast on November 14:

A discussion for The Exchange with guest Joseph Borg, Treasurer and Board member of the National White Collar Crime Center, about how the Center trains state and local law enforcement and lends support to regulatory agencies, prosecutors, and judges, in an effort to combat crime across the U.S.

-Broadcast on November 15:

A discussion with guest Fred Bassett, Federally licensed Master Bird Bander and founder of the nonprofit Hummingbird Research organization, about how to care for wintering hummingbirds. Troy Public Radio's "citizen scientist listeners" have aided Bassett in changing the science on hummingbird range and longevity, during the past two decades.

-Broadcast on November 17:

A discussion for The Newswrap with guest journalist Todd Stacy about Alabama's poultry industry crisis with Avian influenza.

-Broadcast on November 28:

A discussion with guest Major General Walter Givhan (U.S. Air Force Ret.) about the Speaking Globally podcast, which he hosts. The Alabama World Affairs Council offers a "window on the world," with its national and international speakers, and the podcast explores current issues, often in a historical context, with General Givhan and his guests.

-Broadcast on December 5:

A discussion for The Exchange with guest Monde Donaldson, Vice-President of the Better Business Bureau Educational Foundation Serving Central and South Alabama, about safe shopping tips for the holidays.

-Broadcast on December 7:

A discussion for The Storyline book series with guest Dale Cox, historian and author of *Two Egg, Florida*, about his lifelong quest to document the existence of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker. Because of the aftermath of Hurricane Michael and the construction of the new international airport at Panama City, Cox believes that the woodpeckers have been more active, so he and other investigators are cautiously exploring the habitat by canoe.

-Broadcast on December 8:

A discussion for The Newswrap with guest journalist Todd Stacy with his impressions about the recent Republican Presidential Debate held in Tuscaloosa, AL.

-Broadcast on December 15:

A discussion for The Newswrap with guest journalist Todd Stacy about the big political news story of 2023 for Alabama – Reapportionment, with a new Congressional District 2 that stretches from Alabama’s state line east to the state line west, and south to Mobile.

-Broadcast on December 19:

A discussion for The Exchange with guest Amanda Senn, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, about her personal family story. Her grandparents, in their nineties, were victims of financial fraud, theft, and domestic violence at the hands of their daughter, who moved in to “take care of them.” Incarceration of the perpetrator resulted.

B. Historical Issues:

-Broadcast on October 17:

A discussion with guest Cindy Ragland, Executive Director of the Alabama Trails Foundation, about the restoration of the CCC Fire Tower atop Flagg Mountain in the Weogufka State Forest, with a Celebration of the Arts atop the mountain.

-Broadcast on October 19:

A discussion with guest Patricia Foster in The Storyline book series about her book, *Written in the Sky, Lessons of a Southern Daughter*. She shared memories of growing up in Foley, Alabama, and the class and racial struggles within what she terms the Southern caste system.

-Broadcast on October 24:

A discussion with guests Martin McCaffery, Director of the Capri Theatre, Montgomery’s independent theatre, and New York actor and director John Martello about the progress restoring the theatre, and the theater’s classic film series, with lectures by Martello.

-Broadcast on October 25:

A discussion about the Silent Movie era with guest Ron Carter, award-winning theater organist, who will accompany on the Wave Theatre Organ the 1925 Lon Chaney silent movie, *Phantom of the Opera*, at the Columbus River Center for the Performing Arts October 28. Carter explained how the music interpreted the action on screen in the 1920s Silent Movie era.

-Broadcast on October 26 and November 7:

A two-part discussion for The Storyline book series with guest Donald Davis, independent scholar and author of *The American Chestnut, An Environmental History*, about the iconic tree that played a central part in American industrial and regional history, but succumbed to disease. Davis addressed efforts to bring back the gigantic tree through hybridization.

-Broadcast on November 1:

A discussion with guest Gorham Bird, Assistant Professor in the Auburn University School of Architecture, about efforts to document and preserve Alabama's few remaining Rosenwald Schools of a century ago. Sears Roebuck President Julius Rosenwald and Tuskegee Institute President Booker T. Washington undertook the construction of some 5000 schools across the South to educate black children. A new exhibit about the Rosenwald Schools will be on view at the Alabama Department of Archives and History through May of 2024.

-Broadcast on November 2:

A discussion with guest Carole Connare, Editor of the Old Farmer's Almanac, for The Storyline book series, about the Almanac's history since 1792, its founder, and its weather predictions.

-Broadcast on November 16:

For Native American Heritage Month and The Storyline book series, a discussion with guest Rachael Conrad Cox, co-author of *Fowltown*, about a battle that took place this week in 1817 that sparked a forty-year war between Lower Creek Indians, including Seminoles, and American settlers and military.

-Broadcast on November 29:

For Native American Heritage Month, a discussion with guest archaeologist Teresa Paglione with the Alabama Archaeological Society, about the Native American origins of our traditional foods. This is a “History in Your Hands Segment,” with AAS input.

-Broadcast on November 30:

For The Storyline book series, a discussion with guest Carolyn Quick Tillery, author of the classic, *The African American Heritage Cookbook*, about the origins of what we today call Soul food. She recounted the role that scientist George Washington Carver played in saving the South’s agriculture, due to his research on crop rotation and introduction of the peanut.

-Broadcast on December 1:

For The Newswrap on Rosa Parks Day, a discussion with guest journalist Todd Stacy about the pivotal role Rosa Parks played in U.S. Civil Rights history.